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Remembrance Day in Cowbridge and Llantwit

See page six for more photos of Remembrance Day services in Cowbridge and Llantwit Major. (Photo taken by Andy Wicks)

Football Centre of Excellence to be built at Vale Resort

FOOTBALL Association of Wales (FAW) is creating a Centre of Excellence at the four-star Vale Resort.

Welsh football's governing body is developing a new state-of-the art training centre and moving its headquarters from Vanguard Way, Cardiff, to the resort which has long held a reputation as being an elite sporting venue. FAW will be taking over the 1,800 sq m Vale Pavilion, which used to be home to the Cardiff Blues regional rugby franchise.

The new centre of excellence will include a fitness zone, medical rooms, changing facilities, player lounges, in addition to meeting rooms.

On the resort complex, the FAW will have access to two full-size 'Desso' grass-hybrid training pitches, similar to that laid at the Cardiff City Stadium, together with a further two half pitches.

Work has already started on converting the second full-size pitch into a Desso pitch. Cardiff City Football Club, currently based at the Vale Pavilion, will remain as a tenant and continue to train at the Vale Resort.

Work is starting on site this month and will take eight months to complete.

It is hoped that FAW will move into the Vale Pavilion by summer 2020.

Stephen Leeke, managing director of the resort, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have become the official training base of the Football Association of Wales and look forward to creating an environment that will help support the elite team in the best way possible.

"Ever since we opened, we have worked hard at creating a sporting centre of excellence with cutting-edge facilities that would suit professionals at the top of their game. Our hard work has paid off and we are now home to both Wales' national football and rugby teams, as well as Cardiff City Football Club, while we are also first choice to many high-profile visiting teams."

In the past, the Vale Resort has hosted Juventus and Real Madrid and this year has played host to FC Porto and Hertha Berlin. Plans are afoot to host 16 of the championship football teams next year.

The Vale Pavilion forms part of the Vale Resort's Elite Sports Academy, a 40-acre development in the resort's grounds, which includes seven rugby and football training pitches, built to FIFA and IRB specifications, an international-size 3G all-weather pitch, a 60m x 50m indoor 3G training pitch and state-of-the-art weights rooms.

Jonathan Ford from the Football Association of Wales, said: "Over what has been an incredibly exciting time for Welsh football and the national sides, the Football Association of Wales' workforce has grown in numbers to meet the requirements of a contemporary football association.

"The FAW has modernised to the extent that it needs office space to reflect that in addition to a more modern way of working, which the new FAW headquarter offices at the Vale Resort will allow."

The training facilities for the senior national sides at the resort will complement both national football development centres at Colliers Park, Wrexham and Dragon Park, Newport.

The Vale Resort will host the Cymru Senior Men's squad as they train for their crucial UEFA Euro 2020 qualifiers. Cymru will first face Azerbaijan away, before their final EURO 2020 qualifying match at Cardiff City Stadium, against Hungary on Tuesday, November 19.

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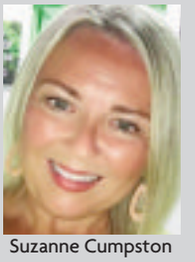
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Mean not to support fireworks

I WENT to Barry to see the excellent Rotary fireworks display.

When the bucket came round, I was very pleased to make a contribution but saw no-one around me put in anything at all.

I thought that was really mean for such a good, and no doubt expensive show, and hope that other collectors were supported better.

Name and address supplied.

'No conscience in protecting environment'

I FULLY support all of the points made in the letter from John Bailey (GEM Letters, November 7) regarding the Vale recycling, which I am sure will be endorsed by many Council Tax paying Vale residents.

While in Ogmore by Sea we have only had one week when the collection was a day late, we have suffered from all of the other problems, such as plastic recycling being rejected, despite the rejected items being labelled as recyclable. We have also had rejected items blowing about the street.

Mr Bailey may not have seen directly the operation of the recycling vehicles.

The Vale have employed, clearly being paid by Vale Council taxpayers, so-called 'enforcement wardens' who travel around in cars alongside the refuse vehicles with very large rolls of 'Oops' stickers which they decide to stick, often erroneously, on bags that they decide should be rejected.

Ironically these labels, after having been peeled off, are not recyclable and have to be placed in a black bag.

Also, all glass bottles and jars in the grey boxes are removed individually, and passed through holes high up in the side of the vehicles. Incredibly time consuming, but doubtless the reason why broken glass is not accepted.

Although the Vale claims less contamination, because of the total confusion about recycling, more is being placed in black bags. We used to use half a bag every fortnight; we now use at least one full bag.

Mr Bailey will no doubt be pleased to know that in my email exchange with senior Vale management, those who now are having to use more black bags for items marked as recyclable, to avoid their other bags being rejected, are regarded – and I quote – as "not having sufficient conscience in protecting and preserving the environment."

As Mr Bailey rightly comments, in its current form, it is an appalling system.

Dr David Hawkridge, Ogmore by Sea.

Support council staff undertaking 'Herculean task'

A NUMBER of your correspondents have commented on the new recycling arrangements being implemented by the Vale Council, mostly in negative terms.

I ask them to put themselves in the position of the council's waste managers, and to reflect on the huge challenge of eliminating landfill, through recycling and high temperature incineration, of the thousands of tonnes of domestic waste that we produce each year in the Vale.

This is a Herculean task and is bound to cause some minor inconvenience while the new arrangements shake down. Having previously received a label on my wrongly sorted (blue) plastics bag, I had the opportunity yesterday to seek guidance on waste separation from Vale Council staff accompanying the recycling truck.

They were enthusiastic about the progress that they were making and keen to help residents such as me.

If we want to pass on a better planet to future generations, we could start by spending a little more time separating our waste and a little less time writing grumpy letters to The GEM about council employees who are doing their best.

They need our support, particularly as their job is not one that the majority of your readers would wish to undertake.

Steven A Thomas, Llanblethian.

Are residents aware of recycling guide?

HAVING just read John Bailey's letter relating to his experience of waste collection with the new six bag system, I would like to draw his attention to what I have just discovered following research on the Vale of Glamorgan website, leaving me rather puzzled.

I had to question the collection crew this week as they slapped a sticker on my blue bag, rejecting it for having two pieces of 'contaminating' plastic, each bearing recycling symbols.

I went indoors and scrutinised the booklet supplied by the Vale of Glamorgan, but was left none the wiser, as booklet rather limited in its definitions.

Today, my husband threw three plastic items straight into black bin as not featuring in booklet, namely yoghurt pots. I went to the Vale council website, where I found an A to Z guide to recycling.

I was careful to choose the appropriate 'segregated' recycling option, as they have two systems in place. It would seem that the Council has had a re-think and moved the goal posts.

Brown paper can now be placed in the orange bag with cardboard; shredded paper can be placed in the white bag with other paper. It does not mention the colour of shredded paper, so I'm not sure whether I will need to separate out strands of brown shredded paper.

As for yoghurt pots, it seems they are accepted after all.

I trust this guide is up to date – who knows? But identifying particular items could be a long process and how many residents are aware of this guide?

What I do know is that I now need to refer to this guide each time I have an item to add to my waste. Do I think every resident in the rural Vale is going to have the time and ability to do this, or do I, like John Bailey believe they will put more items in their black bag, just to make sure all their weekly refuse is collected and to minimise the time spent on this onerous task?

Like Mr Bailey, I too have had to pick up rejected items blowing along the pavement, not to mention broken food bags spilling rotten food everywhere. This happens because the crews think it's easier to pick the bags out of the kerbside caddies and throw them across to the open collecting wagon rather than tip the caddy contents directly into the wagon. This practice is most worrying as on more than one occasion our dog has ingested both rotting food and bags they have come across on the ground, their ability to notice these things being sharper than mine.

I have sympathy for the collection crews who are now expected to scrutinise every householder's recycling bags, not to mention folding empty bags and placing them in the glass collection box; no wonder collections are taking more time.

Bethan Pocock, Llanmaes.

Has the Council abandoned Holton Road?

ADMITTEDLY there were very nice flower displays during the summer, but apart from that it looks a complete disgrace with weeds and mess everywhere, and now we have the added horror of the dosser in the doorway of the empty Windsor Hotel.

The squalor is shocking, spilling out onto the pavement. They even had two blue recycling bags outside their 'residence' a few days ago.

One does wonder about their toilet facilities. Would they bother making the trek to the public toilets near the library? These are not open 24 hours.

Christmas is coming – will they/won't they decorate?

(Name and address supplied)

'Nothing has chanced to make road safer'

NO one would begrudge for a moment the sense of relief that the residents of Llysworney must feel in response to the weight limit on traffic through their village.

There are, however, consequences which will be felt by the wider community. Unless a speed restriction (not mentioned in the order published in The GEM) is applied, three axle 40 ton lorries could cross on the B4270 Llantwit Major Road each travelling at 60 mph. These vehicles carry shipping containers, the normal width of which is eight feet (2.43m), and in addition there are the outrigged mirrors on the vehicles.

The carriageway is about 18 feet wide in many places with indeterminate and soft verges. The implications for other road users, particularly cyclists and horse riders, are obvious. At least the natural chicanes in Llysworney limited speeds in the same way as those installed by highway authorities.

The inadequacy of the B4270 for HGVs was an important consideration in refusal of planning permission at the time of Bellway proposals for Darren Farm several years ago. Nothing has changed since then to make the road safer, but it is now intended to greatly increase HGV traffic on it.

The new HGV limitation imposes an extra journey of two kilometres for HGV traffic aiming to travel south at the Pentre Meyrick junction. That roughly equates to the extra distances imposed by creating a one way system with HGVs travelling south on the B4270, and north via Llysworney on the B4268. Both roads would be much safer; sustainable transport, including a cycle/horse riding lane on the B4270, would be feasible, and the situation in Llysworney would be significantly ameliorated.

D Webb, Cowbridge.

Get your free flu jab

DIABETES UK Cymru is urging everyone living with diabetes to take up the offer of a free flu jab through their local pharmacy or GP.

Flu can cause blood sugar levels to rise high, a natural response to fighting infection. A serious infection can cause blood sugar levels to rise so high that they become dangerous for people with diabetes. This can lead to acute complications, which can go unrecognised, and can even be fatal. The vaccine, to which every person with diabetes is entitled free each year, is the most effective protection against flu. Without it, flu can also develop into pneumonia or bronchitis, which might require hospital admission.

It can take up to two weeks for a flu jab to work. That's why it's essential that everyone at high risk of serious illness from flu gets vaccinated as soon as possible.

For more information about diabetes and flu, visit the Diabetes UK website: www.diabetes.org.uk/seasonal-flu .

Dai Williams, Diabetes UK.

Welsh Secretary resignation row

REGARDING 'Ex-MP quits cabinet amid rape trial row' (November 7 edition, about Alun Cairns' resignation as Secretary of State for Wales) I'm disappointed that this article was hidden away on page 10, when it should have been front page news.

I'd expect such behaviour of The Daily Mail or of The Sun or of The Daily Express, but not of The GEM. The article would have been of keen interest in the Vale of Glamorgan, especially as it involves the current MP and the UK is in the midst of an election campaign.

Tim Jefferson, Llantwit Major.

GEM NOTE: *The GEM received several communications along these lines, and we agree that an item such as this would normally have run on page 1. However, the story broke on The GEM's press day, close to deadline and at that stage, all three GEM front pages (for Barry and Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit, and Bridgend and Porthcawl) had been completed. There simply was not time to remake the pages and so the article was carried as the lead story on the first available 'all edits' page.*

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL NOVEMBER 21

Date	Time	Height (metres)
14/11/2019	07.13	9.9
14/11/2019	19.35	9.9
15/11/2019	07.49	9.7
15/11/2019	20.08	9.6
16/11/2019	08.24	9.5
16/11/2019	20.49	9.4
17/11/2019	09.07	9.4
17/11/2019	21.32	9.0
18/11/2019	09.53	8.8
18/11/2019	22.24	8.6
19/11/2019	10.51	8.3
19/11/2019	23.31	8.2
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21/11/2019	00.51	8.1
21/11/2019	13.23	8.3

While the Gem makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Vale towns set to sparkle this Christmas

EACH of the Vale's four town centres are set sparkle this festive season, thanks to additional funding from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The funding, awarded to each of the four town councils, aims to support projects that provide an economic stimulus.

High streets in the Vale and across the UK are facing increased challenges such as competition from online retailers and higher costs.

Christmas is a critical time in the retail industry, with evidence suggesting that up to 70% of trading takes place in the run up to the festive season. There is pressure on our towns to attract footfall during this critical time, therefore the Council has decided to commit resources to make sure that the experience of shopping is a festive one.

The Vale Councils' Regeneration Team is grateful for the support of each of the town councils to identify opportunities to invest this funding, with Christmas lights coming out top of the list.

Christmas lights are often rented, but this funding has allowed lights to be purchased and used in future years.

Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration and education said: "Our high streets are facing unprecedented challenges and so supporting Christmas lights and events reaches far deeper than just making our retail areas pretty during the Christmas period. Supporting our traders by encouraging people to shop here and keep their Christmas spending within the Vale is vitally important as it helps to create and safeguard jobs for the local economy."

New lighting installations will be celebrated through a series of events in the run up to Christmas.

Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and Penarth's installations will illuminate the main retail areas, and Barry will have festive illuminations on High Street, Park Crescent, Holton Road and King Square.

A spokesperson at Cowbridge Town Council said: "This funding has allowed us to really invest in Cowbridge at such a critical time of year for our traders. The new Christmas illuminations will help make Cowbridge a truly festive shopping destination and with the purchase of new lighting, the investment will be spread over a number of years."

This scheme is one element of a much wider initiative made available through Welsh Government funding. The Vale Council were successful in securing a share of the £20m made available by the Welsh Government for funding through the Economic Stimulus fund.

Events taking place are: Penarth Christmas Light Switch On, Sunday, November 17; Barry Christmas Market and Light Switch On, November 22-23; Cowbridge Christmas Weekend, November 22-24; High Street, Barry Christmas Light Switch On, Friday, November 29; Lighting up Llantwit Major at Christmas, Saturday, November 30.

Full details of each of the town's festive light switch on and Christmas events can be found at www.visitthevale.com.

Photograph shows Barry's 2018 festive lights.

Football club embarks on fundraising mission after their coach is diagnosed with cancer

THE whole of Llantwit Major Junior Football Club have rallied around since learning that one of their coaches had been diagnosed with cancer.

The club made contact with Melanoma UK and arranged for the team's new kit to have the charity's logo on the shirt.

From there things have snowballed, with various areas of the club wanting to play their part and raise funds.

Tia Harris and Lauren Budina who volunteer at the club arranged a cake sale at school which was so popular it completely sold out, and raised £160 in the process.

Plans are also afoot for a 24-hour five-a-side match to be held on Saturday, January 11.

The event is taking place in the sports hall at UWC Atlantic College with many of the club's coaches and players from all age groups looking to get involved.

A generous offer has already been received from Crookies Tea Room to keep the players fuelled, but there are still plenty of ways for people to be involved or assist in making the 24 hours pass smoothly.

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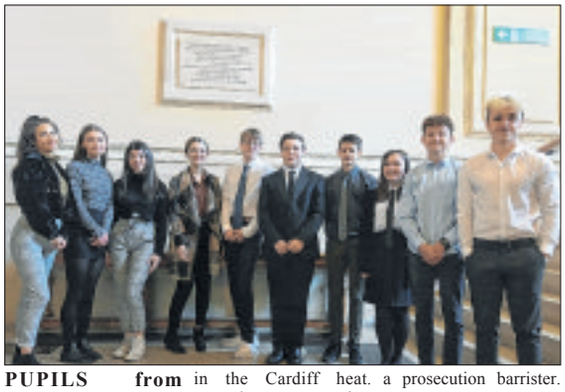

PUPILS from Llantwit Major School competed in the Bar Mock Trial Competition at Cardiff Crown Court on November 2.

Designed to give youngsters a taste of the legal system, the national competition requires pupils to take on the roles of barristers, witnesses and court officials and compete against seven other teams from across south and west Wales in the Cardiff heat.

Both prosecution and defence teams had to argue their cases in a trial focussed on the possession of and potential intent to supply class A drugs.

In both rounds, the teams performed admirably, arguing their cases confidently and perceptively.

In the judge's feedback at the end of each trial, particular mentions went to Ieuan Lewis for his composure as a defendant and Millie Hunt for her 'excellent' work as a prosecution barrister.

The defence were also called on to compete in an assault trial, where they were successful in convincing the impartial jury that the defendant was not guilty.

While the team narrowly missed out on a place in the final, their hard work and fantastic performances in court meant that they could finish the day with their heads held high in the knowledge that they represented the school admirably.

Festive lantern parade returns

MORE details about Llantwit Major's much-loved and popular lantern parade have been revealed with this year's theme being 'Community Christmas.'

The parade will start from CF61 at 5.15pm on November 30 and wind its way down to the town hall car park for the Christmas lights switch-on at 6pm.

An event spokesman said: "This year the committee are sponsoring the cost of a lantern workshop facilitated by Clare Revera from Out to Learn Willow. We would also like to thank CF61 for sponsoring the use of their lovely premises.

"You are invited to send representatives from your school, youth or community groups to attend the workshop on Saturday, November 16 from 10am – 4pm at CF61 (old youth centre Llantwit Major).

"During this workshop you will learn how to: care for and handle the willow and to make lantern shapes.

The idea is that you will then encourage your group to make your own beautiful lantern structure and/or decorate the lantern you have made.

You can buy additional supplies to take back to your group. Claire will be on hand to answer any questions."

A public workshop is also taking place on November 24 at CF61 for people to finish their lanterns or start from scratch.

Time slots are from 10am until 12pm, 12pm until 2pm, and 2pm until 4pm.

To book a place email julieleah3@hotmail.com or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/llantwit-major-community-christmas-c.

The spokesman added: "Whether you make your own lantern or a workshop lantern … it really doesn't matter.

"Everyone is welcome to join the lantern parade! Please be at CF61 at 5pm on November 30. In order to comply with health and safety – no naked flames, please. Battery torches, battery tea lights or fairy lights all welcome."

Warning after fraudsters fleece woman

FRAUDSTERS have scammed a Vale resident out of thousands of pounds, police revealed this week.

Officers are urging people to remain vigilant when dealing with unsolicited telephone calls following the incident.

A member of the public answered a call from someone purporting to be from BT saying they need to protect their computer from being hacked.

That was then followed by a call from someone alleging to be from the National Crime Agency saying the victim's bank account had been involved in a money laundering scam and that they should transfer funds to a secure account.

As a result the victim transferred several thousand pounds into what she thought was a safe account – which had actually been set up by the fraudsters.

Police sergeant Bryn Powys said: "This is a very distressing incident for the victim.

"Legitimate organisations such as your bank, HMRC or police will never call you asking you to transfer money. Neither will they ask you for your pin or full banking password.

"Our advice is to treat all unsolicited calls with caution.

"Never feel pressurised into making a quick decision – a genuine organisation won't mind giving you time to stop and think.

"We also urge you to look out for your loved ones and make your elderly neighbours – who might not use social media – aware."

Anyone who has received suspicious calls should call police on 101 or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

For more information visit www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Community news from Llangan and Treoes with Nancy Davidge

News from Llangan Primary School

WORK on the replacement of the school roof has been held up due to the poor weather conditions, and also to the furry lodgers in the loft – not rats, but bats!

There are approximately 14 bats which keep returning to the loft; the ecology teams are on site regularly to check their welfare, and remove them in bat boxes as soon as possible.

Saron Chapel

THE next service at Saron will take place on Sunday, November 17 at 3pm, officiating cleric Pastor Christian Thomas. Everyone will be assured of a warm welcome.

A Bring and Buy sale will take place on December 1 from 10.30am–12.30pm in the Treoes village hall; proceeds will benefit Saron and the village hall.

St Canna's church, Llangan

A CAROL service will take place at St Canna's on December 8 at 5pm and the Christmas Day service will take place at 9.30am.

Apart from the above, services are held at 11.15am on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (ST ATHAN ROAD, THE HERBERTS) (7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2019

1. On 14th November 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:
2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (St Athan Road, The Herberts) (7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction) (Temporary) Order" 2019 and will come into force on 18th November 2019.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause a vehicle with a maximum gross weight exceeding 7.5 Tonnes to proceed over the length of road in Schedule 2

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The section of road to be restricted is St Athan Road, The Herberts for a distance of 10 metres either side of Howe Mill bridge over the River Thaw.

Reason: To prevent damage to the road bridge and in the interests of public safety.

Duration: From 00.01Hrs on Monday 18th November 2019 for a maximum period of 18 Months.

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Busy time for Boys' Brigade

IT has been an extremely busy weekend for 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade.

On Saturday, two teams of young people travelled to Gloucester for the first round of the BB National Masterteam (Quiz) Competition.

On Remembrance Sunday, the company was proud to participate in the Armistice events.

A spokesman said: "The Anchors, Juniors and Company Section all looked very smart."

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Bonvilston student picks up gong for his war poem

A YOUNGSTER from Bonvilston has picked up an award at school for a piece of Remembrance Day-inspired poetry he recently wrote.

Valentino Nichols, aged 14, was given an award at Kings Monkton School in Cardiff for his creation entitled 'The Boy Who Went to War.'

Proud mum Amber said: "He is a talented artist and writer and has won many awards for the years for his art and writing work.

"He has also had poems published in children's poetry books."

The student also designed an illustration to go with his work.

See Valentino's poem below.

The Boy Who Went to War, by Valentino Nichols:

"There was once a young boy with hopes and dreams of one day meeting a beautiful wife

Then the war came and changed the young boy's life.

He was sent far away from home, frightened and alone and was told to use a gun.

He fought for our freedom and his beloved home praying everyday he would see tomorrow's sun.

His dreams faded away, he was killed in action one day and never got to meet his beautiful wife.

We wear the red poppy today to remember the young boy's life."

Christmas Tree Festival in Cowbridge

HOLY Cross Church is welcoming the community to bring Christmas trees and Nativity scenes to the church as part of this year's Christmas Festival.

From November 22–24, the church will be decorated with some 50 Christmas trees and the money raised will go towards the work of Holy Cross Church and supporting the Creseo Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan Deanery Refugee Sponsorship Project.

On Friday, November 22 the festival is open from 10.30am – 4pm, with Llansannor Church in Wales Primary school performing at 11am; harpists Bryn and Cai Wardhaugh will perform at lunchtime and The Rock Choir at 2.30pm.

On Saturday, November 23 the festival is open from 10am – 4pm with St Brides Major School Choir at 11am, at 12.30pm Cesia Rhys Lewis, and at 2.30pm Cowbridge handbell ringers.

On Sunday, November 24 the festival is open from 12 noon – 4pm, with a children's trail and refreshments.

The Male Voice Choir concert is by ticket only and will take place on Friday, November 22 at 7pm.

Ystradowen WI learn about defibrillators

THERE was almost a full attendence for the November meeting when the speaker was David Ball from St John Ambulance.

David gave members an informative, humorous talk and demonstration on how to use a defibrillator – a particularly appropriate topic, as one had recently been installed outside the village hall. Although we hope it will never need to be put to use, everyone felt much happier that should the occasion arise, there would be more confidence in using it.

The meeting also included contributions for a women's refuge in lieu of exchanging Christmas presents with one another and everyone gave very generously.

Notices were read out and decorations, made by members for the Ystradowen WI tree at the Holy Cross Christmas Tree Festival, were displayed.

Arrangements for the December meeting were finalised and proceedings would commence with carols and readings in the church, followed by a festive buffet and mulled wine in the village hall.

The December meeting will commence at 7pm in the church.

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Thankful Village Remembers

COLWINSTON, one of 51 Thankful Villages in the UK where all the men in World War One came home safe and sound, remembered them and the four men who were lost in World War Two.

Rev Alan Kettle conducted a service at the War Memorial on the village green where the daughters of two of the men, Sheila Madge and Marion Thomas, laid wreaths.

These were followed by wreaths from the Community Council, village hall, St Michael's Church, The WI, St David's School and the toddler group.

After the Last Post, played on the trumpet by Tom Jose and the silence, the ladies of the Mothers' Union and WI carrying their banners led the procession to St Michael's Church where the service continued with children from St David's School reading a passage about the Thankful Village; and reading out the 23 names of all the men who returned safely.

After the service, the large poppies decorating the church made by class 5 and 6 of the school and the prayers written by the children were read and admired by everyone.

Cowbridge woman receives BEM honour for services to community

SANDRA Williams has been presented with the British Empire Medal by the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Mrs Morfudd Ann Meredith, in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Dan De'Ath, in a ceremony at the Mansion House in Cardiff.

Presented for services to the community in the Vale of Glamorgan, the BEM reflects Sandra's long association with Cowbridge Male Voice Choir as accompanist for nearly 50 years, as well as her music teaching in local schools.

Pictured centre is Sandra, flanked by the Lord Lieutenant and Lord Mayor, proudly wearing her medal.

Choir prepares for trip to Emmen

IN May 2020, around 60 choristers from Cowbridge Male Voice Choir will be departing by chartered aircraft to represent Cowbridge and Wales at the 75th anniversary commemorations in the Dutch city of Emmen.

In preparation for what will be a prestigious and substantial event, the choir is already rehearsing hard (the Dutch national anthem has to be learnt!), and a member of the Emmen community joined the choir representatives to lay a wreath of poppies at the Cowbridge cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

The city of Emmen chose the Cowbridge choir owing to the activities of a Welsh regiment which helped to liberate the city towards the end of the Second World War, as well as through a family connection to one of the Cowbridge choristers. The commemorations being planned are extensive and one engagement for the choir will see them perform in front of an estimated 2,000 people in the main cathedral.

Anyone who would like to get involved with the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, should pop along to a rehearsal on a Wednesday evening from 7pm at Holy Cross Church in Cowbridge,

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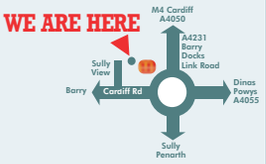

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Country market

COWBRIDGE Country Market invites all customers and friends to a 'Taste of Christmas' on Friday, November 15 with mince pie samples and other treats.

Christmas Markets will be held on Friday, December 6 and December 13, with a final pick-up for pre-orders on Friday, December 20.

The markets take place in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge, from 9.30am, when Christmas order forms will be available.

Band concert

PENCOED Silver Band will perform on Friday, November 15 at Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall, CF35 5PE.

Start time is 7.30pm with tickets at £5 to include tea, coffee and biscuits in the interval. Tickets available from Mark Steer 01443 230282; email marksteer150@gmail.com or pay on the door.

The concert is presented by Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association.

AM's surgery

JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at the CAB offices in Barry, 119 Broad Street, CF62 7TZ on Friday, November 15 from 4.30pm–5.30pm.

No appointment necessary.

Councillors' Surgery

THE Labour Councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 16 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am.

No appointment necessary.

Residents in Cowbridge and Llantwit remember the fallen

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Youngsters remember the brave

AHEAD of last weekend's commemoration services, children at Llancarfan Primary School learned about the poppy, its symbolism and the significance of Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

Led by the class teacher, Year 6 pupils from Llancarfan Primary School paid their respects at St Cadoc's Church Cenotaph, Llancarfan, at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, holding their own service to pay tribute to those who had sacrificed their lives in wars and conflicts.

Children in Foundation and Key Stage Two wrote moving messages of remembrance on individually decorated poppies which together formed a giant wreath.

The wreath was then placed on the cenotaph in the church grounds.

Children recited For the Fallen by Robert Laurence Binyon and In Flanders Fields by Major John McCrae, which was followed by a two-minute silence.

The School Council sold poppy themed goods leading up to Remembrance Sunday and parents and children have been extremely generous again this year in purchasing items to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion and Armed Forces.

Message from the mayor

MANY of you will have seen in The GEM the news of the 'unveiling' of the recently restored town walls and what a magnificent sight they are, something of which Cowbridge can be truly proud.

They have now been handed over to the Vale of Glamorgan Council who will assume responsibility for their upkeep.

There were two residents' meetings in the month, firstly a Meet The Council session in the Lesser Hall which attracted a good turnout and raised a fair number of topics. These will appear on the Cowbridge Town Council website shortly. Secondly, a meeting was held in Llanblethian church hall to give residents the opportunity to have a say in what equipment they would like to see installed in the playing field to replace or supplement what is there already. Some good suggestions were received, particularly that of including some equipment so that adults could exercise while supervising their children. This would tie in with our plans to provide a 'Trim Trail' around Cowbridge and Llanblethian.

I was very happy to present certificates at a Reading Awards ceremony in the library which was attended by an enormous number of pupils, and it was most encouraging to see this.

The Cor Meibion y Machlud concert at Ramoth was most enjoyable and reinforced the excellent reputation for music that Cowbridge enjoys. Gideon's International presented Bibles to Mayors from the Vale at a short ceremony in Barry, and it was nice to be reminded of the good work that they do around the world.

Members of the community organised a 'Peaky Blinders' themed party in the Town Hall which was very successful and enjoyed by all. The band was excellent and some of the dancers looked as if they had wandered off the set of Strictly Come Dancing! The costumes featured were amazing. We hope that this venue will be used for many more such events in the future.

We welcomed two new councillors this month and should welcome another two in November.

Remembrance Sunday fell on November 10 and this year, as well as remembering the men, women and children who died for our freedom, we made special mention of the many millions of animals killed in war.

A horse and a dog took part in the wreath-laying and in the parade to represent them. A good number of people watched the proceedings and thanks are due to all those who made it possible, especially the Town Hall staff, the South Wales Police Band, the parade marshall and the owners of the animals. It was heart-warming to see the turn-out for the two minutes silence on Remembrance Day itself and the number of people who stopped what they were doing at 11 o'clock.

Cllr Alec Trousdale, mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian.

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Valeways offer walks for all

The Living with Cancer Strollers wrapped up on a recent outing.

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Looking after someone can be tough, and lonely.

If you find yourself in this position and would like to join a small group for a walk, where people will listen to you and you have the opportunity to enjoy some time to yourself, then meet the Valeways Carers Walkers at Barry Island railway station. December's walk will be on December 23 at 10.30am, to avoid any clashes with Boxing Day activities.

For more information, visit www.valeways.org.uk or call 01446 749000.

Living with Cancer Strollers

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To support a more positive outlook, the Living with Cancer Strollers offer a chance to walk, talk and enjoy good coffee!

If you would like to join us, we meet on the first Thursday of every month, 10.30am at the Cosmeston Country Park information centre.

For more information, visit www.valeways.org.uk or call 01446 749000.

Short movies are the highlight at Vale's first film festival

ONCE upon a time, the big screen experience was restricted to the plush seats and surround sound of the multiplex cinema, but that's no longer the case.

Outdoor films, big screens in churches, projections within a medieval village – are just some of the many thrilling ways to experience the movies, and the Vale of Glamorgan for the two weeks of The Hidden Here film festival, a project that has received funding through the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Wales Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (RDP) certainly made the most of its unique venues and was a haven for fans of film to enjoy screenings.

Over a two week period, fans of film enjoyed an experience at Cosmeston's 600-year-old medieval village site with a sold-out *Blair Witch Project* during a howling storm, and a packed St Cadoc's Church with a very apt screening of *A Month in the Country* which was accompanied by Hiraeth Quartet; then on to a Jurassic finish at St Donat's Castle where *Fantastic Mr Fox* animators Beanstalk ran nonstop creative workshops to an eager audience.

Madeleine Sims, curator of the festival said: "I am delighted that these one-off events broke films and these venues out of their traditional settings, reaching wider audiences in the Vale and Cardiff.

"We were also lucky enough to have director Stuart Rideout attended two of our events at Cosmeston medieval village and St Donat's Castle showcasing his short films made for the Climate Coalition, *Show the Love* and *I Wish for You.* Both films recently won awards of excellence at the Global Shorts Film Festival in LA."

Short films were one the major highlights of the festival; Nicola Sumner-Smith, programme development officer, said: "It has been a wonderful festival.

"Llansannor Primary School also made a five minute film, *Our Garden of Eden*, looking at the past, present and future of the surroundings of the school which had an ecological theme running through each era."

The Vale Film Fest is currently programming a finale, a 'Festival in a Day' that will host a range of activities as well as screening the runners-up and winners of their film competition and the Guinness World Record Attempt for the Biggest Movie Quiz, all at St Donat's Castle.

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Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
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	A4160 Windsor Road, between Arcot Street and Albert Road **Diversions** for southeast bound traffic shall be in place via Arcot Street, Plassey Street and Albert Road, while diversions for northwest bound traffic shall be along Stanwell Road and Hickman Road.	0.01am and 23.59pm

Pedestrian Access will be maintained
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Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA

News from the Fonmon Apiary

THE new apiary site is now ready to be occupied; it is still on Fonmon estate, but I cannot move any of the hives there until lower temperatures set in and confine the bees to their respective hives.

Why is this?

A minimum distance of at least three miles is recommended due to the fact that bees use local landmarks to recognise their home base.

The new site is about a half-mile away and were I to move the hives while the bees are still actively out foraging, they would pick up on familiar landmarks and return to their old site.

So to aid the move, I require low temperatures to kick in and for the bees to adapt to a winter shutdown mode – this is not hibernation!

When temperatures are 10˚C or above and the weather is fair, honeybees will venture out quite readily, regardless of the fact that it is supposed to be winter.

The bees that occupy the hives in winter are not programmed to be foragers; their job is to keep their queen alive and to sustain themselves on the stores gathered in by their sisters earlier in the year, and to only emerge in the spring of the following year.

However, due to our milder winters, bee activity is a regular feature now and any activity equates to energy expenditure.

This expenditure of energy has to be supported from the in-hive food stores. Although mild winters can be looked upon as a bit of a blessing, there is not much in the way of plants to forage for the active bees to collect.

To replenish their diminishing supplies, the beekeeper must stay alert and supply a ready-for-use alternative.

This alternative supply is a block of sugar dough (which looks like icing sugar, but is better for the bees), a commercially made product that the bees can consume straight away and not have to process it as they would if it was nectar from external flora.

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St Donat's students open their new memory café

Four of the group (from left): Margaret, Sindre, Phirada and Daniel.

STUDENTS at UWC College of the Atlantic are starting a community project aimed at helping people with dementia – the 'St Donat's Memory Café'.

Daniel Aakre Faradonbeh, a spokesman for the organisers,told The GEM: "We are starting up a new dementia café to be run in the UWC College of the Atlantic grounds. The opening date will be November 20, and the café will run weekly on Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm.

"We, a group of six students, have a vision of affecting the world in a positive way, and some of us have had experience with family members with dementia.

"We see the dementia café as an arena where people with dementia, their carers, and us, the activity friends, meet on a regular basis. The point of this is to allow these people to do the activities they love, but struggle to do because of their illnesses.

He continued: "In short, St Donat's Memory Café is for people with dementia as well as their friends and family who support them. The café offers a place to socialise, enjoy a cup of tea in a relaxing environment and to take part in events such as high tea, music and dance.

"We are starting it because we want to make a difference in the world, starting with our local community."

Billboard are back at the Memo for pantomime

THE Barry amateur dramatics company BillBoard Ensemble received an early Christmas present recently when they received their certificate and trophy from NODA (National Operatic and Drama Association) for winning the Best Panto Award (region four) for *Beauty and The Beast*!

This Christmas, the company is putting on pantomime favourite *Cinderella* at the Barry Memo Arts Centre from December 19–22, with matinees on the Saturday and Sunday and there is also a Saturday morning performance.

For more information, visit to www.memoartscentre.co.uk.

Pictured (from left) are: Michael Bennett, Prince Charming; Angelique Duff, Cinderella; Tony Caley-Burnell, Baron; Steve Caley-Burnell, chorus captain; Jonathan Coombs, principal of BillBoard and ugly sister; Peter Rees, ugly sister; Lisa Perry, Fairy Godmother; Nicolas Preen, Buttons.

October proved busy for Friends and Neighbours

IT was a busy October for Friends and Neighbours, with fish and chips at their usual Beryl Road Pioneer Hall venue attended by more than 60 members, including volunteers.

THE Commissioner for Older People in Wales advisers enjoyed chatting to the members about their experiences and views. Entertainment was provided by singer Deano, who enjoyed taking the group down Memory Lane with a wide range of melodies. A lunch was held at Cwm Talwg, when 25 members enjoyed a tasty two-course lunch.

Members are now looking forward to the November meeting, with a demonstration of Christmas present wrapping.

Contact 01446 400044 for further information on the club.

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Extension to night bus service

WELSH bus operator NAT Group has announced an extension to its 304 bus service which runs between Barry town centre and Cardiff city centre. The additional service, which starts on November 18 and will run until 3.15am, will be welcomed by later commuters and those enjoying the city's nightlife.

Later journeys are also launching on NAT's X1 and X8 routes that serve Cardiff.

NAT Group managing Director Adam Keen said: "We are ensuring our great city and surrounding areas stay connected and that our passengers can get to where they need to be, when they need to be there. Having analysed our current service levels, we felt that we could provide more for those wanting to travel later at night.

"We are sure our current passengers will appreciate the additional journeys and new passengers will be able to make use of the new services."

The extended bus routes from NAT follow the company's simplification of fare structure whereby a simple 'zonal' fares system will operate from November 18. Passengers can purchase a short hop ticket, which includes three consecutive stops, for just £1.20. The X1, X8 and 304 services also accept contactless payment.

The new timetables can be found www.nat-group.co.uk.

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What's on, when and where, in your local area this week

Art Central talk

ON Thursday, November 14 an illustrated talk takes place on this year's international art exhibition in Venice.

Everyone is invited to the first of four free talks by Prof Tony Curtis on: 'May we live in interesting times…' 'This year's Venice Biennale', 'A guide to art, ship wrecks and Stella McCartney's daps!' in the Art Central Gallery on King Square in the old library building. The doors open at 6.30pm with talk commencing at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major on Saturday, November 16 from 9.30am until 11.30am.

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Crafts open day

RHOOSE Craft Group Open Day takes place on Saturday, November 16 between 1pm - 4pm at Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhoose.

Demonstrations and crafts to try and buy: free entry, refreshments available.

LIFT Group

THE Lift Group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.

The group meets in a family home in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies, tea and coffee, or 2pm to 4pm for other activities such as speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this group, call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176. We look forward to seeing you.

Llansannor Christmas Fair

FOLLOWING the success of previous Llansannor Christmas Fairs, the LCHA will be holding their 2019 Christmas Fair in the Community Hall on Saturday, November 16 between 10am and 2pm.

Entry is free; all welcome.

Messy Church

MESSY Church will take place on Sunday, November 17 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop) at 2.30pm until 4pm.

A warm welcome is extended to youngsters (and toddlers with their parents) for fun activities for all the family, crafty things to make, a Bible story, some singing and plenty of refreshments.

For further information, call Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020, Rev Canon Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

Diabetes event

DR Lindsay George, consultant physician in diabetes and endocrinology, will host a Question and Answer session on Tuesday, November 19 in the Boardroom, Llandough Hospital at 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Everyone welcome!

Youngster's successful Italian tournament

LEFT: Evie Wong showing off her well-earned medals after competing in Italy recently.

A YOUNG lifeguard has just returned from Roccione in Italy where she has been representing Great Britain in the Surf Lifesaving Championships.

Evie Wong, a member of Rhoose Lifeguard Club, was the youngest participant at just 15-years-old with other opponents three years older than her.

She had an outstanding stint in the competition winning the European title in the beach sprint and the European title - along with her team mates - in the sprint relay.

Evie also came fourth in the beach flags event and eighth in the tube rescue.

The youth British Team, consisting of six boys and six girls, picked up amazing results which gained them the title of European Champions of the Ocean.

After four days of competing in the pool, sea and on the beach, the Youth and Senior British Team finishing at 5th overall with 26 teams competing.

A spokesman for Rhoose Lifeguard Club said: "We and the community of Rhoose are very proud of Evie's fantastic results in her first GB selection."

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Film festival award for local directors

TWO local film directors have picked up an award at the Cardiff International Film Festival for their latest short film – with an autistic young boy leading the cast.

Showdown is a short film produced by the Welsh video production company, Fine Rolling Media.

In Cardiff on October 27, *Showdown* took the Critics' Choice award at a gala dinner in the Exchange Hotel.

The film's directors, Kristian Kane, from the Vale, and Lewis Carter, from Bridgend, took to the stage to accept the award with two of *Showdown*'s autistic actors, Charlie Lock (12) and Erin Jennings (21).

The audience broke into applause as the team thanked the festival for helping them fly the flag for Welsh independent Film and Autism Awareness.

Kristian Kane explained that: "We always try to make our films into a transformative experience for the community. People need to see themselves represented on screen in order for them to feel heard and appreciated. *Showdown* aims to do just that for people in the autistic community."

ABOVE: Lewis Carter and Kristian Kane with Charlie Lock.

Lewis Carter added: "When we told people we wanted to make a Western film set in south Wales starting autistic actors, quite a few of them said—'You can't do that.' Winning an award like this proves that there should be no limitations to the imagination when it comes to filmmaking and community outreach."

Showdown reimagines the classic Clint Eastwood-esque gunslinger hero in a contemporary south Wales setting.

The script was written by Lewis and Kristian.

It is their third short film, following *Campfire Story* and *Royal*, which also won awards at film festivals.

Welsh actor and autism activist, Richard Mylan came onboard the project as an executive producer.

The film marks the first time 12-year-old (11 at the time), Charlie Lock has been cast in a lead role.

To find out more, go to www.finerollingmedia.co.uk/showdown/

Deadline looms to get water abstraction licence

THE deadline is fast approaching for changes in water abstraction licence requirements.

New regulations mean that transitional license applications will need to be submitted before December 31 to prevent losing the right to abstract water from January 1, 2020.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) regulates water abstraction which is the process of taking water directly from surface water, such as rivers, or groundwater, such as boreholes.

Kathryn Mainwaring, NRW's Water Resources lead specialist advisor, said: "If you take more than 20 cubic meters (4,400 gallons) per day from a surface or groundwater source you are likely to need a transitional licence.

"Before 2018, a lot of water abstraction activity was exempt from licencing but changes to the law now require previously exempt abstractors to apply for transitional abstraction licences.

"Water abstraction can have a significant impact on the environment and until now, these abstractors have legally been able to take an unlimited supply of water, without consideration of impacts on the environment or other water users."

Several activities which were previously exempt will now require a licence if they take more than 20 cubic meters per day; these include:

- Abstraction for any purpose in a previously geographically exempt groundwater or surface water area. These covered a large proportion of north, west and wouth west Wales.
- All forms of irrigation (previously only spray irrigation required a licence).
- Warping (the abstraction of water containing silt to fertilise agricultural land).

Kathryn added: "We need to make sure that the amount of water taken from our rivers or out of the ground does not cause unacceptable impacts on the environment or other water users.

"By applying before the deadline, you will benefit from a streamlined process which makes most applications easier and cheaper and you are more likely to be able to take water as you've done in the past. You'll be able to continue abstracting as you have done in the past while your application is determined.

"If you don't apply, you may lose your right to abstract water and could face enforcement action including prosecution if you continue to do so."

For an application form and further information on how to apply, visit the NRW website, contact the Water Resources Permitting Team on 0300 065 3000 or email enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

Charity urges people to keep their support in the community

AGE Connects Cardiff and the Vale has been supporting older people in its communities for over 40 years.

Whether it be support with making difficult choices, such as moving into a care home, accessing benefit entitlements, advocacy representation in care homes, hospitals or the wider community, access to befriending schemes, or help with shopping and getting to appointments and participation in groups and activities to reduce social isolation… Age Connects has always been well and truly at the heart of communities.

In these uncertain times and with funding being cut, Age Connects is reaching out to businesses to urge them to keep whatever charitable support they have available within the local community, where it can make an immediate and noticeable difference to the lives of older and vulnerable people.

Jeff Hawkins, CEO of Age Connects said: "I urge you to keep your support local. One of the reasons it's so rewarding for businesses to help the communities around them is that the results are so visible and significant.". With this message in mind, Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale is encouraging businesses to support its forthcoming Christmas Gala Dinner, either through purchase of tickets or the donation of auction or raffle prizes.

The dinner is being held at the Copthorne Hotel, Cardiff on November 29; ticket price of £50 includes a welcome drink, three course meal, half bottle of wine, DJ, gift and auction. A discount is available for group bookings.

Karen Steele of Age Connects said: "The work of Age Connects, supporting lonely and vulnerable older people, is at risk from ongoing funding cuts. If you and your organisation feel as passionately about supporting local older people as we do, join us for a fun filled evening and help us spread some festive cheer in our communities this Christmas."

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Stan Rosenthal's work goes on display

TOPSTAK held its first evening art exhibition displaying the wonderful work of the late Stan Rosenthal, a past resident of Cowbridge, on November 7.

The exhibition featured originals, some of which had been loaned from private collections, alongside a selection of his limited-edition prints showing the many different styles of the artist.

Topstak was joined for the evening by Stan's widow, Nicky, who was able to share the personal stories and histories behind his artwork.

Many of the paintings of display featured scenes from the south Wales coast such as Southerndown, Cwm Nash and Three Cliffs Bay.

Topstak is now the home of the remainder of Stan's collection which includes many of his last remaining one-off and limited-edition prints.

Much of the exhibition will continue to be on display over the coming weeks, with a smaller selection on permanent display. To ensure that admirers of Stan's work can view the full collection, a website is soon to be launched with full details of all his remaining paintings and prints.

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Solar farm to be built at Cardiff Airport

A JOINT agreement with Cardiff Airport and a local renewable energy developer will result in the installation of a new Solar PV Farm on the airport site in the near future.

The construction of the 2MW solar site is set to be completed within the next 18 months by Bridgend-based company Cenin Renewables, which has successfully delivered notable renewable energy projects across key sites in south Wales. The Solar PV Farm at Cardiff Airport will sit within the boundary of the site and will supply the business with electricity via a private wire, with any surplus energy being exported to the national grid.

It is anticipated that the new solar farm will deliver a carbon reduction of some 20,508 tonnes over the next 25 years, a saving of approximately 860 tonnes every year.

This project is the next step in Cardiff Airport's recently unveiled Environmental Flight Path – a timeline of immediate and short term environmental goals.

The milestones will be delivered in line with the organisation's vision to become a carbon neutral airport and is a key consideration for the Airport's Masterplan development over the next two decades.

Mark Bailey, Director of Airport Planning and Development at Cardiff Airport, said: "After a huge amount of careful planning and consideration, it is hugely exciting to see this project come to life. We're proud to be working in partnership with a Welsh business who bring with them expert knowledge and a wealth of experience needed to develop this project on our site. When it's complete, it will deliver massive carbon reductions and power the airport."

In addition to its renewable energy and carbon reduction benefits, the solar farm will create a welcoming, natural environment for biodiversity including bees and some species of wild flowers.

Martyn Popham, Director at Cenin Renewables, added: "Cenin Renewables is delighted to have been chosen to work with Cardiff Airport to help them achieve an important part of their comprehensive plan to decarbonise the airport operation."

ABOVE: Martyn Popham, from Cenin Renewables (left) with Mark Bailey from Cardiff Airport.

Dog of the Week

OLIVE is a beautiful one-year-old old Lurcher who is full of life.

She is bright and eager to learn new things, so further training would be beneficial for her. Olive does socialise with other dogs and could live with another canine friend in her new home, as long as they are also calm and well socialised.

She will need plenty of off-lead exercise to burn off that excess energy.

Olive is looking for an adult only home with experienced dog owners who can continue to keep her physically and mentally stimulated. She doesn't mind traveling in the car and loves to explore new places. Olive is not used to being left on her own, so the amount of time would need to be built up gradually. If you're looking for a fit, active dog, then Olive could be the one for you.

For more information on Olive, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or give us call on 01656 725219. You can also visit our website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.

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Business club holds its inaugural awards evening

THE Bridgend and Vale Business Club held its inaugural 'BVBC Awards' ceremony recently – an event aimed at recognising the best in local business, hosted by the popular radio DJs Jagger and Woody.

The event took place at the Best Western Heronston Hotel and Spa.

Jagger and Woody ensured everything went with a swing.

Simon Jagger said: "I think it is great that the business club wants to recognise hard-working business people and entrepreneurs who provide top quality services and invest in the local economy."

Lizzie Memory of Bridgend and Vale Business Club said: "It was a great evening and we were thrilled Jagger and Woody agreed to host it.

There were 10 categories:

1/ The award for 'Energy Efficiency in Business' was sponsored by Viridian UK Energy Matters Ltd and was won by Cath Richmond of the Caring Laundry.

2/ The award for 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year' was sponsored by R McGee Insurance Broker Ltd and was won by Phillz Barbers.

3/ The award for 'Best Innovation in Business' is sponsored by ITCS (UK) Ltd and was won by Chris Gill of BJZ Waste Clearance.

4/ The award for 'Best New Business' is sponsored by Prings Plumbing and Heating Ltd and was won by Steven Dodd from GLR Bespoke Services.

5/ The award for 'Best Staff Development' is sponsored by Welcome Home Sales and Lettings Ltd and was won by Sian Thomas and Daughter.

6/ The award for 'The business that most benefits the local area' is sponsored by F9 Films and was won by Nathaniel Cars.

7/ The award for 'Best Business Marketing' is sponsored by AMB Building and Construction and was won by Lora Payne from LCVA Services.

8/ The award for 'Best Business Growth' was sponsored by The Glamorgan Gem and was won by Cath Richmond of the Caring Laundry.

9/ The award for 'Best Product or Service Range' is sponsored by Perry's Vehicle Repairs Ltd and was won by Brian Stokes of ITCS.

10/ The award for 'Best Customer Service' is sponsored by Peninsula HR H&S-Barry Quinn and was won by Perry Tate of Perry's Vehicle Repairs.

Finally, the award for 'Best Overall Business' which was sponsored by Bridgend and Vale Business Club was awarded to Sian Thomas and Daughters.

Catrin Morgan of Sian Thomas and Daughters winning best overall business sponsored by Bridgend and The Vale Business Club presented by Steve Richmond and Lady Helen Woolridge-Morgan.

Perry Tate of Perry's Vehicle Repairs winning best customer service, sponsored by Barry Quinn from Peninsula UK.

Lora Payne from LCVA Services, winning best business marketing, being presented with her award by sponsor Alun Butler from AMB construction Ltd.

With guest presenters Jagger and Woody is Steven Dodd from GLR Bespoke Services, winning best new business, sponsored by Prings Heating and Plumbing.

Cath Richmond of the Caring Laundry, winning best customer service sponsored by Wendy Snatchfold of the Glamorgan GEM.

Rob Vowles from Nathaniel Cars winning 'business that makes the most community impact' sponsored and presented by Andrew O'Leary from F9 films.

Phillz Barbers was the winner of the 'best young entrepreneur' category, sponsored by R Mcgee Insurance. He is pictured with presenters Jagger and Woody.

Chris Gill from BJZ waste clearance, winning best service ,presented by Brian Stokes from ITCS.

Perry Tate (left) of Perry's Vehicle Repairs presenting the award for Best Product or Service Range to Brian Stokes of ITCS.

RIGHT: *Tim Hughes from Viridian Energy Matters UK about to present the award for the most energy efficient business, which went to Cath Richmond from the Caring Laundry.*

FAR RIGHT: *Catrin Morgan of Sian Thomas and daughter winning best staff development sponsored by Welcome Home Sales and Lettings(presented by Dave Block and Leah Thomas).*

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STRYD FAWR, TROI GOLEUADAU NADOLIG Y BARRI YMLAEN

STRYD FAWR

Dydd Gwener 29 Tachwedd

Hwyl i'r teulu cyfan â cherddoriaeth fyw, adloniant, Siôn Corn ac am 7pm bydd Andrew a Lee Selby yn troi'r goleuadau Nadolig ymlaen.

4pm – 8pm

TROI GOLEUADAU LLANILLTUD FAWR YMLAEN

LLANILLTUD FAWR

Dydd Sadwrn 30 Tachwedd

Dewch i fwynhau Marchnad Nadolig a cherddoriaeth yn y Ganolfan Siopa gyda Siôn Corn a'r digwyddiad troi'r goleuadau Nadolig ymlaen am 6pm yn Neuadd Dref Llanilltud Fawr. Gorymdaith Llusernau am 5.15pm.

12 hanner dydd – 8pm

TROI GOLEUADAU NADOLIG SAIN TATHAN YMLAEN

SAIN TATHAN

Dydd Sul 1 Rhagfyr

Cerddoriaeth ac adloniant o 3pm gyda'r digwyddiad troi'r goleuadau Nadolig ymlaen am 5pm.

3pm – 5pm

PENARTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

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Sunday 17 November

Meet Santa and his reindeers and enjoy music, entertainment and food and drink stalls. Penarth Late Night Shop – 5 December

12pm – 7pm

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Friday 22 &
Saturday 23 November

Enjoy a two day festive market and don't miss Nessa Shanessa Jenkins (Ruth Jones from Gavin & Stacey) turning on the Christmas Lights at 6pm on Saturday. The switch on will be followed with a free open air showing of Home Alone in Central Park, Barry. Market open 11am each day.

Sat 6pm – Light switch on

COWBRIDGE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

COWBRIDGE

Friday 22
Saturday 23
Sunday 24 November

Shop the three-day Christmas Market at the Duke Of Wellington Car park plus enjoy the famous Reindeer Parade.

Reindeer Parade – Sun from 12pm

HIGH ST, BARRY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

HIGH ST

Friday 29 November

Fun for all the family with live music, entertainment, Santa and at 7pm Andrew and Lee Selby will turn on the Christmas Lights.

4pm – 8pm

LIGHTING UP LLANTWIT MAJOR AT CHRISTMAS

LLANTWIT MAJOR

Saturday 30 November

Enjoy a Festive Market and music in the Precinct plus Santa and the Light switch on at 6pm in Llantwit Major Town Hall. Lantern Parade at 5.15pm.

12pm – 8pm

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Sunday 1 December

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VISIT COWBRIDGE THIS CHRISTMAS

A Magical Festive Experience

Reindeer Parade kick-starts Christmas in Cowbridge

YOU know Christmas is on the way when Cowbridge announces that Santa's reindeer are on their way to the town, and this year the big day is Sunday, November 24!

It's a tried and tested format and, following the old adage 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' this year's event will follow the familiar pattern of previous Reindeer Parades.

The event is organised by the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, and spokeswoman Sarah Legg told The GEM: "Christmas in Cowbridge this year is looking spectacular... the traders are making a big weekend of their reindeer parade.

"On Friday, the shops will be open until 8pm with carols, live music and Cowbridge's very first Christmas market.

"Saturday launches our golden key giveaway. All the traders in the town have given offers and prizes to be hidden in our golden envelopes.

"These will be handed out randomly in the town to visitors!

"The Christmas market continues on this day too and Sunday, of course, is the amazing reindeer parade, starting around 12 noon. It's great to see the traders of our town working together. Retail has had a particularly hard year, but Cowbridge remains a beautiful place to shop and welcomes customers old and new."

The parade will begin at 12 noon, but it is always advisable to get there early, and it is going to bigger and better than previous years, said organiser Alun John.

"I know we say it each year, but this really is going to be the best Reindeer Parade yet," said Alun.

"The thing is," he continued, "there are so many exciting things happening that I don't want to spoil the surprise by telling all The GEM's readers too much!"

"This event is our, the traders and the Chamber of Trade's, way of giving a little back to the people who support us."

In addition to the parade, there will, of course, be carol singing, and a celebrity or two (under wraps at the moment!).

The countdown for the switch-on to bathe the town in Christmas lighting cheer begins at 4.45pm.

Alun gave his thanks to all who have helped so far.

"We are extremely grateful to all the organisations and individuals who are helping support the event in Cowbridge this year."

Pop-up shop pops up in time for Christmas

EIGHT years ago, four local brothers started importing the Norwegian outdoor and ski clothing brand, Skogstad, into the UK.

With more than 30 independent retailers throughout the UK now selling the brand, they recently opened their very first Skogstad shop, a pop-up until the end of January, at 85 Eastgate, Cowbridge.

Boasting lots of lovely, vibrant, Norwegian products to keep the family warm and dry – down jackets, waterproof shell and insulated jackets and trousers, parkas, merino wool base-layers, and accessories including hats, gloves, neck gaiters, and underwear.

In addition, they offer walking boots, wellingtons, snow boots and slippers from Viking Footwear (100 years old next year).

The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 10am-5.30pm until the Cowbridge Christmas weekend, and from Tuesday to Sunday afterwards.

You can be assured of a warm welcome and good advice from the brothers, as well as the popular weekly special offers when you visit, so pop in and wrap yourselves up for the winter ahead.

Christmas specials at the Cross Inn

TOM Brock and his mum, Heather, are really looking forward to their first Christmas at The Cross Inn.

They took over The Cross Inn in September, and ever since the restaurant has been getting rave reviews.

New Head Chef Jason Coleman absolutely shares their vision of homemade, fresh food cooked to perfection, whether it's the venison faggots or fishcake starter, the lasagne or sea bass main course, or the chocolate whisky tart or bread and butter pudding dessert – it's all freshly made in The Cross Inn's kitchen.

Jason has some mouthwatering Christmas specials planned through December.

Christmas Day lunch will really be a 'home from home' occasion, with a lovely relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

The Cross Inn can only accommodate 40 people and with only one sitting, you will be assured of great service and fabulous food.

The Christmas decorations are all planned and it will be worth a visit just to see the Christmas lights and have a pint of the Christmas guest beer Chris Moose, the Glitterberry J20 or a glass of hot mulled wine.

Dogs are always welcome in the bar with water and a treat at the ready.

Cowbridge Christmas Weekend

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Sunday 24th November
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*you will need to book via The Bear Hotel for Santa's lunch

late night shopping until 8pm

*golden key giveaway. Find the envelope with the golden key and claim your prize inside.

VISIT COWBRIDGE THIS CHRISTMAS
A Magical Festive Experience

Keep yourself warm with help from La Mercerie

THE cold weather is upon us now, and the fashion for bobble hats shows no sign of slowing down.

Knitting your own is the best way to get a perfect fit and colour choice, and you can even add a faux fur pompom to be right on trend. La Mercerie has a wide range of suitable yarns and patterns to create your own work of art.

There are so many lovely chunky and super chunky yarns around just now, why not make a matching scarf or even a jumper?

Elephant & Bun has your deli needs covered

THE Elephant & Bun Delicatessen has a wide range of food, drink and kitchenware Christmas gift ideas to suit all members of the family.

Whether it is a Welsh food hamper for all the family, biscuits, chocolates, sweet treats, or a set of Welsh beers, miniature gins or whiskeys, your family-run High Street deli can tick all the boxes on your Christmas shopping list.

We are now taking orders for your Christmas and New Year festivities for cheeses, quiches, cold cut pies, salads and puddings, not forgetting our famous Welsh cakes and mince pies!

Just drop in for a list of Christmas food goodies available.

Over the road at the Elephant & Bun Kitchen, Jack and the team are now open seven days a week, bringing you their take on the very best brunches and lunches to complement their range of the finest coffees, teas, cakes and other treats.

Look out for special ticket-only evening events in the run up to Christmas and remember the Kitchen is available for private functions.

Shop marks first Christmas in Cowbridge

IN the Old Mason's Yard on the river bank, Little Sweethearts is celebrating its first Christmas in Cowbridge, having been open for six months.

It is run by Lisa, who said: "Little Sweethearts is a local, independent baby shop offering traditional and exclusive products, while also catering for all budgets.

"We have clothes and shoes for children from birth to nine years old."

Lisa offers a gift wrapping service – not just for Christmas but all year round, and for parents who want to plan ahead for their child's wardrobe, she offers a payment plan system to spread the cost over eight weeks.

Little Sweethearts also has a loyalty card scheme, making it a must to visit this festive season!

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Christmas gifts galore at The Pencil Case

IF you are looking for Christmas gift ideas for children and stationery addicts of all ages, there is only one shop to visit in Cowbridge - The Pencil Case on Eastgate.

Owner Sally Stephenson and her colleague Jane have put together a wonderful range for the festive season.

Sally told The GEM: "Children and adults alike love our wide range of colourful pens and pencils, notebooks, colouring books, toys and gifts.

"New for this year is a brightly-coloured range of dotted notebooks, accessories and colourful brush pens, perfect for those looking to take up bullet journalling. A bullet journal can help you organise your life, record your achievements or just capture your thoughts.

"It is the latest craze sweeping the stationery world!"

The ever-popular range of Top Model colouring and sticker books has been enhanced with new designs, secret diaries and jewellery boxes. There is also a selection of toys for children from birth upwards, including musical instruments, wooden trains, dolls houses and Orchard Toys games.

The Pencil Case is the perfect place for great value stocking fillers - collectable Iwako erasers including Santa, snowmen and Christmas trees; sparkly gel pens, novelty pencils and sharpeners and of course unicorn-themed stationery and gifts!

It stocks contemporary greetings and Christmas cards in both Welsh and English and a wide range of helium balloons. And if you just can't decide what to buy, why not pick up a gift voucher!

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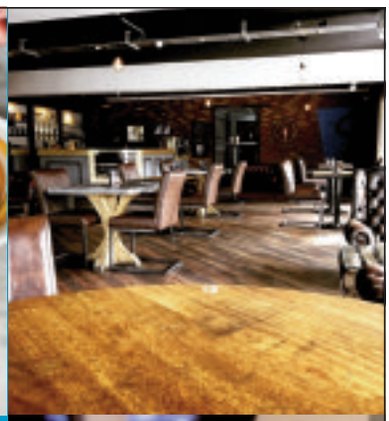

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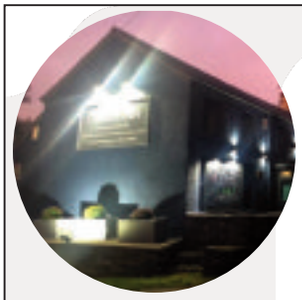

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A Magical Festive Experience

What a great show from traders!

COWBRIDGE retailers excelled themselves with the window displays they produced in support of the Poppy Appeal`s 'Paint the Town Red' initiative.

More traders than ever took part, over 20 in total, and **the town was red from end to end. Poppy Appeal organiser David Howell said: "I must thank them publicly for their support.**

"Their creative and imaginative designs have helped put Cowbridge on the map as a town which has taken the Poppy Appeal to its heart.

"The large number of other retailers who put a felt poppy in their window as a sign of their support also contributed markedly to the atmosphere in the town."

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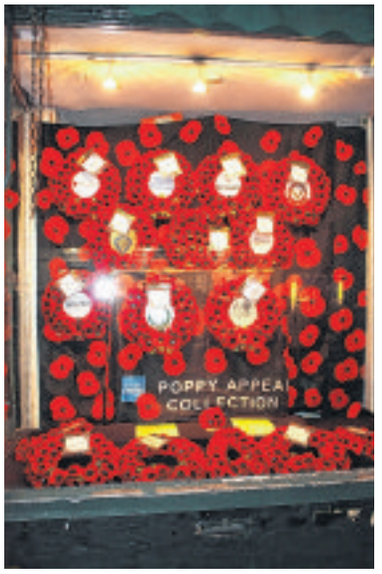

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Christmas starts on High Street, Barry

THE High Street Traders are gearing up for another fabulous festive season, kicking off with their popular Late Night Shopping Event today Thursday, November 14 from 5pm to 7.30pm.

Voted the fourth best independent High Street in the UK, Barry High Street has got something really special to share this festive season.

Fay Blakeley, High Street trader and owner of Homemade Wales said: "High Street really does have everything you need for your festive celebrations – whether it's award-winning meat and poultry, fruit and veg or pastries and cheeses, the High Street has everything you need for your festive feasts.

"Looking for a new outfit for Christmas Day or beautiful gifts to go under the tree? You're sure to find it all on the one street. Shopping local has never been easier."

Promoting the Shop Local message, in addition to working with and supporting the local community, is at the heart of the Traders' success, which is why the annual Christmas Light switch on taking place on Friday, November 29 from 4pm until 8pm, is always such a favourite in the local calendar.

This year looks to be no exception. The Traders have pulled out all the stops to make their festive window displays an attraction in themselves. Partnered with all the usual fun, choirs and magicians, the High Street Christmas Light switch on looks set to be a must for the festive season – your Christmas starts right here!

Order your festive meat at Vic Hopkins Butchers!

THE team at Vic Hopkins Butchers has announced the safe arrival of this year's Christmas order forms.

Boss Anthony Hopkins pointed out that with only 40 days until Christmas Day, it's not a moment too soon, and that customers can start taking away the forms to fill in and return.

Anthony said: "It's my 35th Christmas on High Street. I've seen a lot of changes over the years but one thing that's always stayed the same is the excellent produce and customer service that we provide to our customers.

"With decades of experience in dealing with the Christmas rush between us, customer orders couldn't be in safer hands.

"Pick up your Christmas order form soon or drop us an email: welshbutchers@yahoo.co.uk.

RIGHT: The team are ready and waiting for orders!

Get your bouquets just in time for Christmas

BUDDING Designs has gone from strength to strength since opening in 2018.

They are passionate about creating beautiful Bouquets that are plastic free, recyclable and affordable – always striving to provide stunning arrangements that are a little bit different using blooms that you just can't get in the supermarket.

Owner Nicola Hopkins said: "We are really excited for Christmas this year. We were blown away last Christmas by how busy we were, so this year we are truly prepared! We have a fantastic selection of eco-friendly Christmas bouquets on offer and are now taking orders for delivery right up until Christmas Eve."

Join Nicola in her studio at one of her workshops and with Christmas just around the corner, now is the perfect time to learn how to make your own Christmas door wreath.

With a wide selection of bouquets to choose from, it couldn't be easier to get a bouquet delivered with the online ordering system, visit www.buddingdesigns.co.uk.

Get noticed with Vinylize

ABOVE: Tony Peters and Richard Colbourne of Vinylize on Broad Street printing Christmas posters.

A NEW business in Broad Street is Vinylize, which offers a full range of embroidered and printed clothing.

Tony Peters opened 16 months ago, deciding that he needed larger premises and also a high street presence.

He sells a wide range of T-shirts, hoodies, sports kit and boots, and all can be either printed or embroidered.

You can buy the clothing unprinted, but then you would miss out on seeing Tony's embroidery machine in action – it's pretty amazing to watch a name appear, almost by magic.

Another aspect of the printing business that Vinylize caters for is transferring family photos onto canvas in a range of sizes – something that is always very popular with Christmas in mind.

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The latest hair and beauty at HQ2 The Salon

HQ2 salon has been in business for 19 years and have recently moved to 11 High Street, next to the deli.

Dawn Vaughan from the salon said: "High Street traders have made us feel very welcome – and what a lovely community it is with lots of support from local traders who have managed to put together some lovely events, such as the Easter bonnet parade, Pride Day and the next big event – the Christmas lights and Christmas fair, which we are looking forward to.

"We at HQ2 have worked hard to offer our clients the latest hair and beauty with stylist updating, keeping up with the latest colouring and cutting techniques, updating on beauty and offering a new beauty treatment, Dimond micro dermabrasion.

"It's a very popular treatment, revealing beautiful skin tone and clarity with a glow. This treatment also offers a face mask and the treatment is on offer up until Christmas.

"One treatment is £35, or three treatments £80.

"We also offer vitamin B12 injections with a fully qualified B12 practitioner if you're feeling tired and run-down, struggling with weight gain or depression; B12 is guaranteed to help.

"We also offer semi-permanent make up lipliner, lip blush, micro blading, eyelash tattoo enhancement, LVL eyelashes – which are your own eyelashes (LVL stands for 'length volume lift') – these are just a few of our treatments available.

"We have been recognised as a four-star salon by the Good Salon Guide of which we are very proud, as it's quite an achievement.

"All our staff are very friendly and we

Looking for a festive outfit? Bryl's Boutique has it covered

BRYL'S Boutique has been a fashion haven on Barry's High Street for almost 13 years now.

Bryl's offers a comprehensive mix of casual and party wear from well known labels such as Ted Baker, French Connection, Joules, Ugg, Rieker and lots, lots more.

In addition to clothes and footwear, Bryl's Boutique also offers a great range of accessories and jewellery.

It's clear from the brief time that I spent in the shop that Ann is passionate about fashion and are always adding new brands to the shop's offering to ensure the High Street has the best of the best when it comes to fashion.

Another thing is abundantly clear – whatever the occasion, whatever the budget and whatever the age range – they have it covered!

So with Christmas in mind, the Bryl's Boutique is a must to visit!

Bespoke Jewellery – a working goldsmith

CONNECTING Barry High Street and Broad Street is Island Road, and there you will find Bespoke Jewellery – a working goldsmith where 95 per cent of the stock is made in-house.

Robert Linder is in charge in Barry (the company has another branch in Cardiff) and is looking forward to the usual busy period in the run up to Christmas.

Robert said: "We always get plenty of special commissions, and another popular service is remodelling items that have faded a little with time."

The company's reputation is such that they make items for film and TV companies, but these are strictly 'one-offs,' so Bespoke can't put a similar item on sale!

However, they have plenty of their own original items on sale to the public, so pay a visit to Bespoke.

A magical Christmas at Giggles

HIGH Street's own toy shop, Giggles, promises a magical Christmas this year for your little ones.

With even more traditional wooden toys, Orchard Games, Jellycat cuddlies and Top Model design books than ever, it looks like Santa is going to be very busy this year.

Santa's sleigh will be full of toys that can be passed down from generation to generation and that are friendly to our planet.

Don't forget the High Street light switch on Friday, November 29 from 4pm-8pm – Jill Mathews, Giggles' owner, is looking forward to seeing you all.

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BARRY HIGH STREET

FOR THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Join the party at the Small Space

IF you're part of a small business with only a few members of staff, why not come to a joint Magical Christmas Party?

The Small Space on Island Road in Barry, The World's Smallest Magic Theatre, is hosting joint Christmas parties every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon (1pm to 5pm) and evenings (7pm to 11pm) in December.

Enjoy a full 90-minute magic show with close-up and mind-dreading, along with a delicious cheese and cold meat platter during the interval.

With its fully licensed upstairs bar, this unique former Victorian shop has been wowing audiences since launching earlier this year.

The theatre holds only 20 people and at just £35 per head for the show and delicious buffet, it's an ideal way for your small business to enjoy a party with another local business.

Email info@thesmallspace.co.uk for details.

Butterflies is the place to go for presents

BUTTERFLIES is a beautiful gift shop situated in the heart of High Street, stocking beautiful gifts, greeting cards, Bomb cosmetics, bath bombs, Yankee Candles, home accessories and Kringle candles.

Owner Jodie is celebrating almost 11 years on High Street and over the last five years, has extended her business with a magical Christmas shop.

After taking some time off due to serious illness, Jodie is now back running her business and opening her fabulous Christmas shop again this year. During her time off, she has worked hard designing her own gift collection and new personalised products which she launched this year.

Butterflies can now design and personalise greeting cards for any occasion from £1.99 with matching gifts. Why not pop in to the store where Jodie and her fabulous team can assist with personalising Christmas cards, gifts and wrapping beautiful hampers?

Wishing you a magical Christmas and see you soon!

Pick up unique gifts at Homemade Wales

HOMEMADE Wales is packed with beautiful, locally-made, unique handcrafted gifts.

Owner Fay Blakeley spends a lot of time throughout the year meeting and sourcing new makers and artists, to curate an enviable selection of gifts and homewares.

Fay said: "It's always a thrill for me to bring together the work of so many talented makers and artists, especially at Christmas, when customers are looking for something a little bit different to gift their loved ones. I get such a kick out of customers getting in touch in January telling me how well their gift was received.

"This year, we've opened our extension so have even more gorgeous handcrafted gifts, prints and homewares than ever before."

So if you're looking for gifts a little less ordinary this Christmas, why not get yourself along to Homemade Wales, 9 High Street, Barry or visit Facebook.com/HomemadeWales. Supporting local has never been so easy.

Look after yourself at The Beauty Clinic

MICHAELA and her staff at The Beauty Clinic are poised to pamper their clientele.

Popular treatments include intense light therapy and micro-blading, while with the party season in mind, the Beauty Clinic specialises in Glitzy Lips, Minx Toes, and evening makeup.

For the remainder of November, for only £20, there is a 'lash, lift and tint' offer – just another reason to visit The Beauty Clinic.

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BARRY HIGH STREET

FOR THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Jade Boutique – a specialist in designer clothing

ONE of the many attractions of High Street Barry is the number of independent traders who know and understand the area.

It is certainly true of Jane James, who runs Jade Boutique.

She has been in the present shop, No 74, High Street for four-and-a-half years, but she has been in the area for more than 30.

Jane specialises in quality designer clothing, with Frank Lyman evening wear particularly popular at the moment.

Jade Boutique has quality goods in a wide price range, and Jane's regular customers know this very well.

For Christmas (and all year round) Jade Boutique is a must visit clothing destination.

Jane James of Jade Boutique with some of the gorgeous evening wear to be found in the shop this Christmas.

Festive floral items from Beautiful Lily

BEAUTIFUL Lily in High Street Barry is once again looking forward to helping customers enjoy a traditional festive season, and has a great range of Christmas wreaths and fresh garlands.

The proprietor Helen said: "One of our most popular lines over the last two years has been our snowmen, made entirely out of white chrysanthemums.

"We've had excellent reports, and they have lasted four or five weeks."

Of course, Beautiful Lily has a wide range of bouquets available, and all the items you would expect to find in a quality florist.

Helen added: "We offer daily deliveries, right up to Christmas Eve."

Beautify your brows for Christmas!

BROW Revival are new to Barry and offer microblading with Karen, a licensed and fully qualified graduate from the world-renowned Phi Brows Academy.

Karen will hold a full consultation with you before your treatment to ensure it is the right procedure for you.

The procedure consist of hyper-realistic hair strokes which look like your own eyebrow hair and last between 12-18 months.

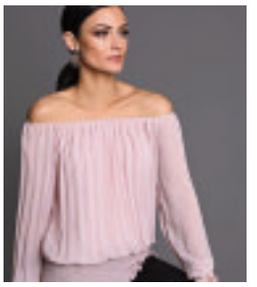
Karen will firstly measure and shape your brows to suit your face perfectly.

There is minimal discomfort, no redness and no downtime.

Brow Revival also offer Gift Vouchers. We look forward to beautifying your brows!

Jade BOUTIQUE

For something special THIS CHRISTMAS



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Festive offerings at Food for Thought

AT Food for Thought, you can put quality food on the Christmas table, and enjoy a wide choice of distinctive items.

This year, they are proud of the massive range of Welsh cheese – expanded from last year, with crackers and chutneys as well.

Another new line sure to be in demand this year is Georgie Porgie, a small independent supplier of award-winning sponge puddings in various exotic flavours, including 'Lemon and Pimms'!

Another area where Food for Thought has increased its range is in vegetarian and vegan party food.

However, while you are checking out High Street's independent shops, don't forget the the store's regular offers, in take-away food and hot drinks!

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG CAU FFORDD DROS DRO GOLEUADAU NADOLIG BARRI STRYD FAWR DYDD GWENER 29 TACHWEDD 2019

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Atodlen

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Gwener 29 Tachwedd 2019	**Barri Stryd Fawr**, rhwng Stryd y farchnad a Stryd Dwyrain **Ynys y Road Barri,** rhwng Broad Street a Heol y Frenhines	12.00noon tan 10.00pm

Bydd gwyriadau lleol lofnodi ar waith
Dyddiedig 14 Tachwedd 2019
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfô CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER 2018 HIGH STREET BARRY CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-
WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-
THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles, with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 29th November 2019	**High Street Barry,** between Market Street and East Street **Island Road Barry,** between Broad Street and Queen Street	12.00noon to 10.00pm

Local Signed Diversions shall be in place
Dated this14th day of November 2019
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA

homes4u HOTLINE 01446 700111

To apply call the hotline, e-mail us at HOMES4U@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or apply in writing to:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Environment and Housing
Civic Offices, Holton Road
Barry CF63 4RU
www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 20TH NOVEMBER 2019

All Homes4U properties have double glazing and central heating unless otherwise stated and will be allocated to the maximum occupancy.

It may take longer to rehouse you if you are awarded medical priority as there is a shortage of accessible and adapted homes in the Vale.

BUTTRILLS WALK, BARRY (NO PETS)

H4U reference 203028
Pref to apps with a medical priority
• Three bed ground floor flat
• Wet Room
Rent £108.17 per week inc water

WEST WALK, BARRY

H4U reference 227608
55+ Pref to apps with a medical priority. No history of antisocial behaviour
• One bed bungalow
• Level Access Shower
• Water Meter
Rent £105.13 per week

REDLANDS HOUSE, PENARTH (NO PETS)

H4U reference 243884
60+ Pref to apps with a medical priority
• One bed flat
• Ground floor
• Level Access Shower
• Warden/Alarm
Rent £126.63 per week inc warden/water

CERI ROAD, RHOOSE

H4U reference 252366
• Two bed flat
• Ground floor (3 steps up to)
• Wet Room
Rent £101.30 per week inc water

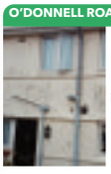
GLANMOR CRESCENT, BARRY

H4U reference 210320
• Two bed flat
• Ground floor
Rent £96.90 per week inc water

NORTH WALK, BARRY (NO PETS)

H4U reference 217770
40+
no history of antisocial behaviour
• One bed flat
• First floor
Rent £96.90 per week inc water

O'DONNELL ROAD, BARRY



H4U reference 218516
• Three bed house
Rent £115.73 per week inc water

SHELLEY CRESCENT, BARRY

H4U reference 223406
• Two bed house
Rent £115.73 per week inc water

TENNYSON ROAD, BARRY

H4U reference 225686
• Three bed house
Rent £124.25 per week inc water

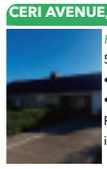
FFERM GOCH, LLANGAN

H4U reference 232823
• Three bed house
• Oil heating
Rent £124.48 per week inc water

LONGMEADOW COURT, COWBRIDGE

H4U reference 230320
60+ no Pets
• One Bed Flt
• First Floor
• Level Access Shower
• Warden
• Community Alarm

CERI AVENUE, RHOOSE



H4U reference 247139
55+
• Bedsit Bungalow
• Level Access Shower
Rent £11.37 per week inc service charges

EARL CRESCENT, BARRY

H4U reference 208561
55+ No Pets
• One Bed Flat
• Ground Floor
• Level Access Shower
Rent £101.79 per week including service charges

ABERAERON CLOSE, BARRY

H4U reference 283224
• 2 bed house
Rent £117.94

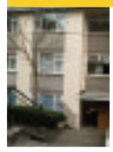
OWAIN CLOSE, PENARTH

H4U reference 199655
• Two bed house
Rent £124.00 per week inc water charge

NEWHOUSE COURT, BARRY

H4U reference 199681
55+ with a requirement for two bedrooms. Applicants in receipt of pension credit will also be considered.
• Two bed flat
• Ground floor
Rent £112.21 per week

POWIS VIEW, BARRY



H4U reference 1115931
• Two Bed Flat
• Second Floor
Rent £113.39 per week

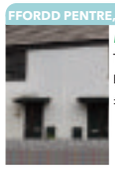
HANOVER COURT, BARRY

H4U reference 982571
55+
• Two bed flat
• First floor (no lift)
Rent £113.73 per week

BUTTLEE COURT, BARRY

H4U reference 1042031
• Three bed flat
• Second floor (no lift)
Rent £113.13 per week

FFORDD PENTRE, BARRY X 2



H4U reference 199851
Two bed house
Downstairs wet room
£108.81 per week

FFORDD PENTREY, BARRY X 2

H4U reference 199863
• Three bed house
• Downstairs wet room
Rent £119.70 per week

ELLIS FISHER COURT, BARRY (NO PETS)

H4U reference186000
55+ Pref to apps with a medical priority
• One bed flat
• First floor (lift)
• Level access shower
• Independent Living Officer
Rent £135.78 per week inc service charge

GWYN JAMES COURT, PENARTH (NO PETS)

H4U reference
55+
One bed flat
First floor (no lift)
Scheme Co-ordinator
Rent £148.54 per week inc service charge, water and heating

HAYES ROAD, SULLY

H4U reference199942
• Two bed house
• Shower only
• Handrail on steps
Rent £98.00 per week

PHYLLIS STREET, BARRY

H4U reference 11011899
55+ with a requirement for two bedrooms.
• Two bed flat
• First floor (no lift)
• Wet Room
Rent £101.43 per week inc service charge

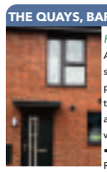
THE QUAYS, BARRY WATERFRONT

H4U reference 145197
Applicants with no previous social housing tenancy, or a previous failed social tenancy, will be required to attend a tenancy ready workshop.
2 x 1 bed flat
Ground floor
Rent £92.23 per week. Service charge to be confirmed

THE QUAYS, BARRY WATERFRONT

H4U reference 199928
Applicants with no previous social housing tenancy, or a previous failed social tenancy, will be required to attend a tenancy ready workshop.
• 2 x 1 bed flat
• First floor
Rent £92.23 per week. Service charge to be confirmed

THE QUAYS, BARRY WATERFRONT



H4U reference 1999162
Applicants with no previous social housing tenancy, or a previous failed social tenancy, will be required to attend a tenancy ready workshop.
• 2 X 2 bed houses
Rent £112.84 per week. Service charge to be confirmed.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are invited for the following developments and you will need to be a member of Homes4u in order to be considered. A local lettings policy applies to all. Allocations are based on highest priority connection to the area, then banding and date. You will need to ring the Contact Centre on 01446 700111 in order to express your interest and you will be asked a series of questions regarding your local connection to the area and you will need to provide full details.

1. COED Y FFYNNON, DINAS POWYS

A) 3 x 1 bed ground floor flats
B) 3 x 1 bed first floor flats (no lift)
Rent £88.33 per week, service charge to be confirmed. No pets. Baths with overhead shower.

HOMES4U ARE IN THE PROCESS OF A RE-REGISTRATION EXERCISE. IF YOU HAVE BEEN REGISTERED FOR 12 MONTHS YOU WILL RECEIVE A LETTER FROM US ASKING IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ON THE LIST. YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE SLIP AND RETURN IT TO THE CIVIC OFFICES. FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN YOUR APPLICATION BEING CANCELLED.

You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of the rented homes.
When bidding for more than one property you will be asked to state your order of preference.
All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness.

Manor Park, Llantwit Major
2 Bedrooms
Conservatory
Garage
£210,000

Cardigan Crescent, Llantwit Major
4 Bedrooms
Garage
No Forward Chain
£235,000 D55

Carmarthen Close, Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
No Forward Chain
In Need of Updating
£139,950 C69

Crawshay Drive, Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
No Forward Chain
Garage
£159,950 D68

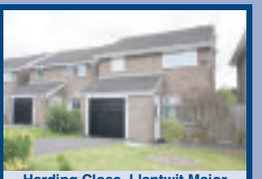
Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major
5 Beds. 3 Recps
3 Family Bathrooms
Garage. No Chain
£599,950 F29

Glebeland Place, St Athan
3 Beds. 2 Recps.
Driveway. Southerly Rear.
No Forward Chain.
£209,950 C75

Monmouth Way, Llantwit Major
4 Beds. Garage
Double Driveway
Potential to extend
£264,000 D68

Fairfield Rise, Llantwit Major
3 Beds. 2 Recps
Superb Kitchen/Diner
3 Car Driveway
£249,500

Byron Court, Llantwit Major
Retirement Flat
No Chain. 1 Bedroom
Open Plan Living
£114,950 C77



Harding Close, Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
Conservatory
No Forward Chain
£239,950 C64

3 The Cross Keys , Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
Period Cottage
Garage
£199,950 D57

Llys Dwynwen, Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
Impressive Garden
Log Burner
£239,950

Monmouth Way , Llantwit Major
4 Bedrooms
3 Bathrooms
130' Rear Garden
£320,000 D65

Monmouth Way, Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
Superb Kitchen/Diner
Cloakroom/WC
£229,950 D65

Forge Cottage, Llanmaes
Period Cottage
Orchard/Paddock
Driveway. Garage.
£349,950 E45

Brecon Street , Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
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Driveway. Garage
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Pembroke Place, Llantwit Major
4 Bedrooms
Garage
No Forward Chain
£205,000 E54

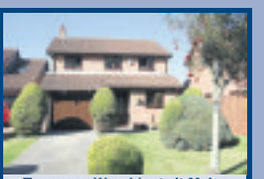
Heol Y Fro, Llantwit Major
2 Bedrooms
Conservatory
No Forward Chain
£169,950 D66

Partridge Road , St Athan
2 Bedrooms
No Forward Chain
Ideal First Time Buy
£114,950 D56

Church Street, Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
2 Receptions
West End Location
£239,950 E44

St Johns View, St Athan
4 Bedrooms
Garage. Driveway
No Forward Chain
£304,995 B84

St. Johns View, St. Athan
3 Bedrooms
En-Suite. Garage.
Spacious Living.
£245,000 B82



Tennyson Way, Llantwit Major
4 Bedrooms
En-Suite. 2 Recps
Garage. Gardens
£349,000

Chris Davies

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Lets!

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Two Reception Rooms
Master Bedroom With En Suite
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Two Bedroom House
Modern Kitchen
Modern Bathroom
Driveway Parking
Council Tax Band C. EPC C70. £600pcm

Meadowcroft, Rhoose
One Bedroom Studio Apartment
Open Plan Lounge To Kitchen
Allocated Parking
Council Tax Band A. EPC D68. £425pcm.

Windsor Close, Llantwit Major
3 Bedroom House
Conservatory Extension
Generous Family Garden
Council Tax Band C. EPC D56. £675pcm

St.Illtyds Court. Llantwit Major
Two Double Bedroom Apartment
En Suite
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Care home goes pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

It's all gone pink at Tŷ Llandaff. (Photograph by Mike Dearden).

STAFF and residents from a Pontcanna care home went pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Tŷ Llandaff, a residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Conway Road, encouraged everyone to don pink outfits in support of Breast Cancer Now and donating £1 each.

Tŷ Llandaff started with 'pink make-up day', encouraging residents and visitors to show off their rosy cheeks. This was followed a week later by a day of pink smoothies and shakes, then 'pink food day' and finally, everyone dressed up in pink on the final Monday of the month.

Service manager Lisa Cristina said: "Many of our residents know someone affected by breast cancer and of course want to make sure that friends and family look after themselves, so doing our bit to raise awareness is important and if we can also help by raising some money for the work done by Breast Cancer Now, that will be wonderful."

News from the Fonmon Apiary

THE new apiary site is now ready to be occupied; it is still on Fonmon estate, but I cannot move any of the hives there until lower temperatures set in and confine the bees to their respective hives.

Why is this?

A minimum distance of at least three miles is recommended due to the fact that bees use local landmarks to recognise their home base.

The new site is about a half-mile away and were I to move the hives while the bees are still actively out foraging, they would pick up on familiar landmarks and return to their old site.

So to aid the move, I require low temperatures to kick in and for the bees to adapt to a winter shutdown mode – this is not hibernation!

When temperatures are 10˚C or above and the weather is fair, honeybees will venture out quite readily, regardless of the fact that it is supposed to be winter.

The bees that occupy the hives in winter are not programmed to be foragers; their job is to keep their queen alive and to sustain themselves on the stores gathered in by their sisters earlier in the year, and to only emerge in the spring of the following year.

However, due to our milder winters, bee activity is a regular feature now and any activity equates to energy expenditure.

This expenditure of energy has to be supported from the in-hive food stores.

Although mild winters can be looked upon as a bit of a blessing, there is not much in the way of plants to forage for the active bees to collect.

To replenish their diminishing supplies, the beekeeper must stay alert and supply a ready-for-use alternative.

This alternative supply is a block of sugar dough (which looks like icing sugar, but is better for the bees), a commercially made product that the bees can consume straight away and not have to process it as they would if it was nectar from external flora.

Will all go as planned? Watch this space!

Harold Williams

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VOGANTM meet

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members (VOGANTM) will be held at 11am on Wednesday, November 20 in the Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge.

The speaker will be Gareth Cheesman whose topic will be 'The Silk Road', an illustrated account of a seven-week journey from Beijing to Istanbul.

Please note that all our meetings from November to March will be held at 11am, with coffee available beforehand and lunch afterwards. Guests are welcome for this meeting.

Parkinson's drop-in

LLANTWIT Major Parkinson's drop-in cafe meets next on Wednesday, November 20 from 1.30pm–3.30pm in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

The guest speaker will talk about her latest project with Parkinson's UK entitled: 'Slow Motion 'SELF'ies'.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For further information call Martin Simmonds on 01446 796310.

Cancer Research Quiz

THE quiz will take place upstairs in Barry's West End Club on St Nicholas Road, Barry on Wednesday, November 20.

A prompt start is envisaged at 8pm, £3 per person payable at the door. All money raised goes directly to Cancer Research UK.

Big Screen

BIG Screen's next film is *Fighting With My Family* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, November 21 at 7.30pm in the Cowbridge Town Hall.

It stars Dwayne Johnson (The Rock) as himself, Thomas Whilley and Torri Ellen Ross; a real crowd pleaser!

Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door.

U3A History Group

THE next Cowbridge U3A History Group meeting will comprise short presentations on 'Two Weddings and a Coronation'; 'Hiroshima; a City Resurrected from Ashes' and a Show and Tell at 10am on Thursday, November 21 in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall.

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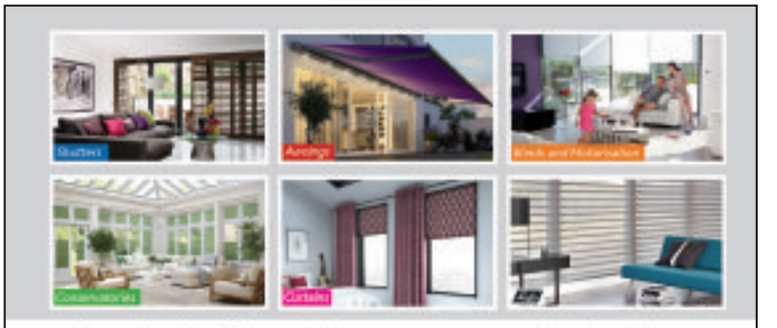

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David Richard
(Aged 49 years)
Formerly of Highwalls Avenue, Dinas Powys. A past pupil of St Cyres School.
Passed away on Thursday, 7th November 2019 at St Peters and St James Hospice, East Sussex, after a long hard and determined fought battle against a brain tumour.
Rest in Peace.

FISHER
Anne Alicia
Peacefully on 30 October at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Anne of The Downs, Cowbridge. Beloved wife of Bill, dearly loved sister of Joan and Inez, loving aunt and great-aunt.
Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 18th November, service and cremation 1pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.
Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Hope Rescue Centre for Animals c/o the funeral director.

ABELA
Shelagh
Peacefully on 3rd November at the Waverly Care Centre, Penarth.
Shelagh will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.
Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Shelagh's life will be held at Barry Cemetery Chapel on Thursday, 21st November at 12 noon, followed by burial at 12.30pm.
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HUNTER
Malcolm David
On 3rd November following a long illness patiently borne, in the loving care of College Fields Nursing Home, Barry and surrounded by all his family. Malcolm of Barry, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather.
Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 22nd November service 11.45am at All Saints Church, Barry followed by interment 1pm at Porthkerry Cemetery.
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PARTRIDGE
Donald John (Don)
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Late of HMS Cambria & Dow Corning
Don passed away in hospital on 3rd November after a long illness bravely borne with his loving family by his side. Beloved husband of 56 years of Barbara. Proud dad of Andrea and Geoff. Respected father-in- law of Ann. Sadly missed Tadcu of Gareth, Bethan, Jacob and Molly.
Don will be greatly missed by all.
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Family Notices

DYKE
Gary (Charlie)

Peacefully passed away at Holme Towers on 5th November, aged 61 years. Gary a much loved brother to Kevin and Linda, uncle to Christopher, Justin, Joanne, Melanie and brother-in-law to David and Elaine.

A special thank you to Lisa and Kathy for all the help and support you gave to Gary.

Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Gary's life will be held on Friday, 22nd November at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

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REES
Roger Paul (Hippie)

Passed away peacefully on 5th November 2019 at University Hospital of Wales, surrounded by his loving family. Cherished and adored dad to all his children and his beloved fur baby, Jon-Boy. Wonderful grandad and great-grandad.

Hippie will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

He will leave a huge hole in all our lives.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Friday, 22nd November at 9.45am at our Chapel of Rest, followed by private family committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Donations, if desired, in memory of Hippie, would be gratefully received by Velindre Cancer Centre.

JONES
May Alicia

Passed away peacefully on Friday, 8th November 2019, May, beloved wife of John and dearly loved mother of Paul, daughter-in-law Christine and a loving nan of Matthew and Andrew.

May will also be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

A funeral service will be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge at 12 noon on Monday, 25th November. This will be followed by a short service at Coity Chapel, Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1:15pm before returning to the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, for refreshments.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu may be made to the British Heart Foundation c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

PARRY
Suzanne

Passed away peacefully on 7th November 2019, aged 52 years. Adored and proud mum of Geraint, dearly loved daughter of Christine and the late Brian, loving sister of Nicola and Gareth. Loved by all the extended family and her many friends. Also dearly missed by our pet dog 'Maisey'.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. Funeral will be on 25th November at 11am at All Saints Church, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please and donations in memory of Suzanne can be made at the service or sent to the funeral directors to the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

For all enquiries please telephone 01446 733844.

KELLAWAY
Joyce

Peacefully on 7th November at home, Joyce sadly passed away. A beloved wife to the late Jack, much loved mum of John, Richard, Billy, Jean, Sally, Leslie, Martyn and Susan. Respected and special mother-in-law, cherished nan and great-nan to all her grandchildren.

Joyce will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 25th November at 11am.

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Family request colourful clothing be worn.

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REES
Anne

Peacefully on Monday, 4th November 2019 at Monkstone House Care Home, Anne formerly of Upper Park Farm, Stormy Down. Beloved wife of the late Glyn, a dearly loved sister and aunt.

Funeral service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 20th November at 2.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People c/o Gareth and Rhodri Howell of E Esaias & Son Funeral Directors, 39 Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend, CF33 6DB. Tel 01656 740491.

WILKINS
Bernard

Passed away on Tuesday, 5th November 2019 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Bernard of Maes y Fedwen, Broadlands, Bridgend. Loving husband of Janet and a dearly loved father of Kevin, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 18th November at 11am.

Family flowers only with donations in lieu, if desired, to Velindre Hospital c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend. Tel No 01656 650831.

AUSTIN
William John

Passed away peacefully at Y Bwthyn Newydd, Bridgend on Friday, 8th November. Beloved husband of the late Mair, loving father of Alun, Leighton, Philip and Meryl and a proud grandfather to his six grandchildren and great-grandfather to his seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral on Friday, 22nd. November. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 10am.

Donations in lieu of flowers to Y Bwthyn Newydd c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend. Tel 01656 650831.

The family have requested that club ties be worn at the funeral service.

NICHOLAS
Mary Philippa (*née Michinton*)

Passed way peacefully at home following a long illness, on 29th October 2019, aged 88 years. Devoted wife of the late Bob, loving mother of Robert, Ian and Simon, mum-in-law to Susan, Elaine and Julie, grandmother to Kate, Ben, James, Laura, Sian and Shaun.

Mary will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 20th November at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made directly at The British Heart Foundation, 138 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HH.

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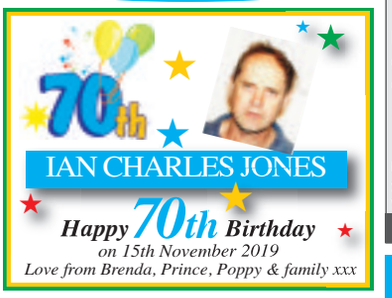
Helen Davis

would like to thank everyone who made her 70th Birthday so special. The presents and cards are amazing. Jayne & Robin at The Horse & Groom in Cowbridge, hosted my lovely party.

Birthdays



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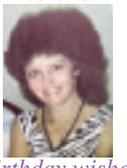

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Aled Thomas - 200 senior Ath appearances

ABOVE: Aled scoring a try against Whitland in February 2013.
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ABOVE: Aled Thomas picking up Best Back Award.
Credit to Glennsports.

ATH scrum half and vice-captain Aled Thomas became a double Athletic centurion when he made his 200th senior appearance for the club in the 14-8 away win in the local derby against Tondu in the Div 1 West Central game at Pandy Park on Nov 9.

He has played in all eight league and cup games this season – and is vice-captain. Aled is always looking for gaps and opportunities to speed up the game, as well as possessing a good tactical kicking awareness.

Like club captain Ben Howe, Aled played his junior rugby at Pencoed. Along with Nathan Holman, Matthew Norman and Tom Morgan they all played in the Mid District side. Aled won three Boys Clubs of Wales U16 Caps, being awarded MOM against Belgium Colts at the Heisel Stadium.

Aled and Ben both joined the Athletic Youth in season 2008-2009. This was the most successful year in the history of the Ath Youth. The undefeated side won a Welsh League and Cup double at the Millenium Stadium against Merthyr and Waunarlwydd. Besides Aled and Ben, current Ath players from that successful youth team in this season's squad include prop Matthew Norman and hooker Nathan Holman.

Aled has played a total of 200 senior Athletic games, 188 for the 1ST XV scoring 32 tries and 192 points. He has been a regular Glamorgan County player making 12 county appearances and awarded a county Cap, and was selected to captain the County at Pyle, but the game was cancelled.

He is also a Glamorgan County Silver Ball Cup winner – though not with the Athletic. At the end of last season 2018-2019 he played on permit for Nantyfyllon in their win against Div 1 West Central and promoted side Ystalyfera.

Bridgend Athletic Youth 31 - Llandaff North Youth 17

DIVISION C East Osprey Youth Bridgend Athletic entertained Blues Conference Llandaff North in a friendly.

Both sides have won all their respective league fixtures and in a very competitive game the Athletic ran out 31-17, outscoring their visitors by five tries to three. This completed a senior and youth treble over the weekend.

The Ath started very strongly piling on the pressure; however failed to capitalise, making numerous errors in attacking situations, probably due to a lack of rugby in the preceding four weeks. A missed tackle in the opposition 22 saw Llandaff North break clear and score a great length of the field try to open the scoring.

A short while later, another missed tackle again saw Llandaff score a second try to go 12-0 up completely against the run of play. This then spurred the Ath on with centre Tom Reed regularly smashing holes through the midfield. One such break saw him drive through before feeding fellow centre Danny Osarigie, who flew over under the posts for a well worked try converted by outside half Rhys Williams.

From the re-start the Ath again attacked and were awarded a penalty on the Llandaff 10 metre line. A quick tap from captain Jack Obbard saw him feed second row Morgan Thomas who sprinted away before throwing a long pass to wing George Tellem, to crash over in the corner for a brilliant score.

Rhys Williams narrowly missing the conversion. This levelled the scores at 12-12 at half time.

Ten Athletic changes were made at half time in order to give all players game time and the Ath then started to dominate all facets of the game. A quick lineout in Llandaff 22 saw the ball spilled backwards. However, flanker Fynn Mordecai scooped up the loose ball and drove through for a great score which was converted by Williams. Llandaff again hit back to crash over in the corner for a good score, which remained unconverted to reduce their deficit to 19-17.

This again spurred the Ath on with forwards now dominating and Tom Reed regularly continuing to smash holes through the midfield. Another driving lineout on the opposition 22 had the Ath maul hurtling to the try line, only for Llandaff to try to bring it down illegally and then enter the maul from the Ath side - the referee correctly awarding a penalty try.

From the re-start centre Tom Reed punched through the midfield deep inside his own half before again feeding fellow centre Danny Osarigie who sprinted fully 60 metres to outstrip the Llandaff defence and score wide out, to make the final score 31-17.

It was a very good workout for two teams in contention to win their respective leagues. The Ath will look to cut out the mistakes and missed tackles as they move forward over the coming weeks.

This coming Saturday, November 16 they have another friendly, an away game at Dunvant.

Blu support for Red and Blacks!

THE Radisson Blu hotel in Cardiff has been one of Dinas Powy FC's main sponsors for seven years and this year, as well as sponsoring the senior section, the hotel is sponsoring the club's new under-6 and under-9 girls' teams.

To celebrate, the hotel recently put on a tea party for the two teams and parents at the hotel.

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Cowbridge Cricket Club celebrates at annual dinner

MORE than 90 members, players, parents and friends gathered at the Athletic Club to celebrate the end of the 2019 cricket season.

It has been an excellent season with the first XI gaining promotion to Premier B league next season, thus taking the second XI with them.

A meal was provided by Andrew Tucker washed down by some excellent wine provided by Colin 'Trustmark' White; our five major sponsors, Press Metal UK, Mulberry Financial company, One Town Hall Square, Specsavers and the Vale Resort also sent representatives.

Chairman Hugh Williams welcomed the guests which included Gerald Ellias of Glamorgan CC, Ricky Needham of St Fagans, Neil Hobbs of SWCA, and John Griffiths of the RFC).

Our guest of honour was Roy Noble, presenter and broadcaster of BBC radio and television. He entertained the gathering with humour and stories of Welsh characters of his life experiences – an outstanding hour of interest.

Both the chairman and captain reflected on the year gone by with the former thanking his committee for their dedication, coaches of the various age groups and others who have helped in running junior teams.

He thanked the parents for their support and also our two resident scorers for their weekly dedication on Saturday afternoons - Sarah Russell with the firsts and Jeffrey Davies with the seconds.

He thanked Jonathan Smart for his efforts, in the club gaining club mark accreditation to Premier cricket. Chris spoke about the highlights of the successful first XI season with opening bat Ben Wright breaking the club record for runs scored in a season standing now at 1,395. His average was 126.82.

He also gained the highest scorer in all the SWCA leagues and was top wicket taker with 34 victims. Ian Harris of the second XI also gained division 5 best wicket keeper with 19 dismissals.

Jack Cropper was also in good form scoring runs for the midweek T20 team, who won the Cardiff and Vale Mid-week Cup. His average was 144 runs from seven innings. Mention was also made of Owain Scholey who acquitted himself well in the first XI at the age of 13.

One of the highlights was the presentation of awards:

H Cup for first XI player of the year: Ben Wright; JS Williams Salver second XI player of the year: Louis Sevenoaks; T20 Player of the season: Jack Cropper; Colin Adams Shield Young player of the year: Owain Scholey; Ben Wright Trophy County and beyond: Theo Walker;

Peter Finucane 'Catch it' trophy: Tom Williams.

The climax of the awards presentation was the last with the Trustmark Trophy 'For services off the field' being awarded to our president Jeff Bird. In the last two years he has been instrumental in the building of the new groundsman shed, revamping of the Fred Dunn gates, author of the book on the history of the club, relaying a new bank and hedge to the north boundary of the ground and instrumental in acquiring the new electronic score box. He was also honoured with a Life Member award and presented with a one-off club blazer.

A standing ovation followed these two well merited awards, by all those present.

Quest to find the best Welsh chef gets underway

THE annual quest to find the best senior and junior Welsh chefs has been launched by the Culinary Association of Wales (CAW).

The 2020 National and Junior Chef of Wales competitions provide the perfect stage for talented chefs to show their skills. With the November 30 deadline fast approaching, chefs need to hurry up and submit their entry forms, which may be downloaded at: www.welshculinaryassociation.com/index.php/competitions./ From the entries, which must include the chef's own creative menu, a panel of judges will select regional finalists who will be given three hours to serve up a three-course dinner for four people.

Regional finals will be held in January and the four highest scoring chefs in each competition will qualify for the finals, which will be held at Cardiff and Vale College's City Centre campus in Cardiff on March 30. The finals will be followed by an evening awards dinner in the college's Classroom Restaurant.

National Chef of Wales competitors must submit a menu with a starter suitable for vegans, a main course using two different cuts of Welsh Beef and a dessert including chocolate as the main ingredient. Awaiting the winner will be £1,000, a study tour hosted by Koppert Cress in the Netherlands, an engraved set of cook's knives made by Friedr Dick and £250 worth of personally selected tableware products from Churchill.

Junior Chef of Wales competitors must submit a three-course menu including a starter suitable for vegans, a main course using Welsh Lamb and a dessert including Welsh honey.

The winner will secure an all-expenses-paid visit with the CAW to the World Chefs Congress 2020 in St Petersburg, Russia, where he or she will be part of the Worldchefs Young Chefs Club.

National Chef of Wales 2019 winner Gavin Kellett and last year's Junior Chef winner Sion Hughes with Culinary Association of Wales president Arwyn Watkins

In addition, he or she will be invited to a study tour hosted by Koppert Cress in the Netherlands, receive a set of engraved Friedr Dick Knives, £100 worth of Churchill tableware and be seeded through to the semi-finals of the Young National Chef of the Year contest organised by the Craft Guild of Chefs.

In both competitions chefs must use a majority of Welsh products, which will form part of the judges' marking schedule. To qualify, chefs must be of Welsh descent or work or study in Wales. National Chef of Wales entrants must be over the age of 23 and Junior Chef of Wales competitors must be between the ages of 17 and 23 years on February 1, 2020.

It's the first time for many years that the competitions have been held separately from the Welsh International Culinary Championships, which are normally held in February. However, due to a clash with the Culinary Olympics next February, the CAW has opted to make changes. Arwyn Watkins, CAW president, explained: "We think it's important that the National and Junior Chef of Wales finals become a stand alone event, rather being a part of the Welsh International Culinary Championships.

"Chefs who qualify for the finals deserve the kudos of having their own day and platform to showcase their skills. Having received record entries last year, we are hoping to maintain the quality and level of interest befitting the premier competitions for Welsh chefs."

The competitions are organised by the CAW and main sponsor is Food and Drink Wales, the Welsh Assembly Government's department representing the food and drink industry. Other sponsors include Hybu Cig Cymru – Meat Promotion Wales, Churchill, Koppertcress and Friedr Dick Knives. For more information about the competitions, contact Vicky Watkins at the CAW on office@welshculinaryassociation.com.

Tondu Titans secure gutsy draw with Porth Harlequins

ABOVE: Carys Thomas with the first home try. Photo by JASP (James and Sarah Photos)

ABOVE: Kerys Maddern in possession. Photo by JASP (James and Sarah Photos)

SUNDAY saw the Tondu Titans ladies battle it out to stretch their undefeated streak to five games with a 10–all home draw against Porth Harlequins.

It was a strong physical encounter from start to finish from both sides battling it out to secure those tries.

The visitors got in with an early try at 15 minutes, with no conversion made.

They continued to cause problems for the home team, attacking strong and fast and keeping them in their own quarter.

The Titans held them off with an excellent defensive line and good tackles were put in by fly half Carys Thomas and prop Katy Sage.

It was still 5–0 to Porth at the interval.

Tondu were quick off the mark at the restart and were soon in possession, with Carys Thomas seeing a gap in the defence and making a quick break, landing the home side with their first try within two minutes of play.

Good attack came from the home side, seeing inside centre Kerys Maddern making yards with good clean breaks.

Porth, however, made good use of a turnover and scored a second try to lead 10–5.

Late in the second half, Tondu's forwards made good ground and the backs joined in, with quick hands and fast play for outside centre Natalie Hooper to break away with Laura Warren in support.

The full back received the ball and scored the Titans a much-needed second try – making it equal 10-10.

The final plays were full of attack and strong defence from both sides, leaving the final score a very close draw.

Tondu put in an impressive performance: and it showed how much they have improved since their last encounter with the Porth ladies at their home ground at the beginning of the season.

Forward of the match: (prop) Katy Sage.

Back of the match: (inside centre) Kerys Maddern.

On November 17 the league takes the Tondu Titans to Blaina as they travel away for their next fixture.

Jade Lines

Matt Maynard appointed Glamorgan head coach

GLAMORGAN Cricket are pleased to announce that Matt Maynard has been appointed as the club's head coach.

Maynard has signed a three-year deal which will see him remain at the club until at least the end of the 2022 season. The former Glamorgan captain and head coach returned to the club in late 2017 as a batting consultant, before being named as the interim head coach for the 2019 season. He guided the Welsh county to fourth place in division two in the Specsavers County Championship as his side narrowly missed out on promotion.

Maynard has extensive experience in the head coach role, having previously been in the position at Glamorgan between 2008 and 2010. Following his departure he enjoyed a successful stint with the Titans, winning the domestic four-day competition as well as the domestic T20 competition in his first year at the club.

Maynard then spent three years at Somerset as their director of cricket before re-joining Glamorgan.

The 53-year-old was also an assistant coach under Duncan Fletcher when the England team won the Ashes in 2005. Maynard had a glittering 20 year playing career with Glamorgan where he amassed over 24,000 first-class runs and struck a club record 54 first-class centuries. He famously captained the side to the County Championship title in 1997, and played a key role in three one-day competition victories in 1993, 2002 and 2004.

Maynard also represented England 18 times, in four Test matches and 14 ODIs, between 1988 and 2000. "It's very exciting to be able to carry on the work we started this year.

"I love being a part of this club and I have enjoyed working with the players and coaching staff throughout the season. There is lots of talent within the squad and we have a good mix of young players and experienced heads.

"We saw a big improvement in the County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup but it's important we continue that upward trajectory and take our form across into the Vitality Blast next season."

Director of cricket, Mark Wallace, added: "We are delighted to have secured Matt as our permanent head coach. After conducting a thorough review of the season with players, coaches and staff it became apparent Matt should continue his role as head coach. The side showed a great deal of improvement across two of the three formats under his leadership and came very close to gaining promotion in the County Championship.

"Matt is a highly experienced head coach who has developed his skills around the world and possesses an intimate knowledge of the club and how we are structured. He has developed a very good rapport with the players since his return and helped to improve their individual games and mind sets.

"Retaining Matt is great news for the club and we look forward to him carrying on his fine work at Glamorgan over the next few years."

Results from Old Hall Bridge Club

THE latest results from the Old Hall Bridge Club are:

October 30: first, John Beard and Liam Sheridan, 62.5%; second, John Raymond and Allan Lewis, 62.15%; third, Glenda Roberts and Vida Halford, 58.33%; Joint fourth, Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones and Colin and Judith Nunn, 53.82%.

November 6: First, Brenda Grove and Stan Harding, 59.03%; second, John Raymond and Allan Lewis, 58.68%; third, Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones, 58.62%; fourth, Julie Evans and Ann Birt, 57.29%; fifth, Teri Pollard and Sara Bartlett, 55.21%.

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17 67 JEEP RENEGADE 1.6 Multijet Night Eagle II 5dr, Jeep warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, privacy glass, cruise, 29k, white £12495

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Group B: Sea View 298, Witchill Nomads 253; Cannon Balls 275, Park Lads 253.

Points: Cannon Balls 4, Sea View 2, Witchill Nomads 2, Park Lads 0.

Group C: Bunker Boys 297, Cocoa Nuts 265; Tynny Lads 257, Merrymen 285.

Points: Bunker Boys 4, Merrymen 4, Cocoa Nuts 0, Tynny Lads 0.

Group D: Willie Wombles 275, Alternatives 240; Witchill Poachers 264, Cavaliers 267.

Points: Willie Wombles 4, Cavaliers 4, Witchill Poachers 0, Alternatives 0.

Group E: Blue Monkey 355, Royalists 348.

Points: Blue Monkey 4, Royalists 2, Ex Servicemen 0, Castle Boys 0.

Group F: 49ers 298, Billy Bluebirds 251; Exiles 278, Barry Park B 253.

Points: 49ers 4, Exiles 2, Billy Bluebirds 2, Barry Park B 0.

Group G: British Rail 252, Billy Flyers 263.

Points: Billy Flyers 4, British Rail 2, Posties 0, Park Rangers 0.

Group H: Billy Whizz 282, BP Breakaways 267; H Bells 289, Abercrete 287.

Points: H Bells 4, Billy Whizz 2, BP Breakaways 2, Abercrete 0.

Crib Knockout Cup

First round, 1st leg: West End 7, Rhoose Social 8; Wyndham Cons 9, Cadoxton Cons 6; Moors Boys 6, Romilly Railway 9.

View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

An encouraging week for Barry Chess Club teams as Camelots win at Cardiff

THIS week there were matches for the Barry Camelots and Barry Gambits in the East Glamorgan Chess League, and there was also a late result from the previous week for the Gambits.

On October 30, the Gambits made the short trip to play the Cardiff Dragons. Both of these teams were flirting with relegation.

On board one, John Stephenson had a good draw with Marcel Vesz despite being a pawn down.

On board three, Mike O'Leary outplayed his opponent and would have queened a pawn, winning material to take a win.

On board four, Peter Watkins took advantage of his opponent's faulty opening to sacrifice a bishop for two pawns guarding his opponent's king to earn a victory. Unfortunately, we lost on the other two boards, meaning the spoils were shared.

On November 4, the Gambits played at home to the Pontypridd Spartans who had a 100 per cent record to become one of the favourites for promotion. Their players were all rated above ours.

My match finished first in my typical drawn position. Next to finish was Sam White. His opponent made an error so another draw was taken.

On board three, Ian Abraham won his game, having two passed pawns.

Board two was an interesting rook and knight finish. Martin Ricketts with white held a pawn advantage but was in danger of losing to a back rank mate. However, Martin held the advantage only because it was his turn to move, checking his opponent's King whereby in error, the king was placed in the corner allowing a pretty mate.

In the final match, Ieuan Thomas offered a draw which was turned down. It took over 30 minutes before his opponent finally agreed it was a drawn match, giving the Gambits an encouraging win by 3.5 – 1.5.

The Gambits now sit in a healthy fifth position, four points above the relegation zone.

In division two, the Camelots travelled to play the North Cardiff Titans. We held a rating advantage on the top four boards and picked up wins from Matthew Davies, Joe Turner and Dave Parsons, with Steve Cunliffe chipping in with a draw. We couldn't pick up anything on board five but it was enough to give us a victory by 3.5 – 1.5.

This win put us on top of the table for 24 hours. We now sit in second place. Only a half point separates the top three in the second division but the Camelots have a game in hand. The three teams relegated from the top division last season occupy three of the top four places so they could all return to division one, unless the North Cardiff Panthers can stop them.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm most Mondays at the West End Club, Barry, CF62 6QY. New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but it is better to contact one of the club members through the website first so that we can explain what is happening on the night and arrange for someone to greet you. For more details visit our website at *http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com*

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Albert have a night out with the Devils!

LAST week, at the magnificent Viola Arena the Cardiff Devils played The Guildford Flames in a nerve-racking game of ice hockey.

Three blocks of the crowd were made up of over 170 children, family members, governors and staff from Albert Primary School and at 4pm the match began: the puck hit the ice, and off they went.

The Flames struck first and held on to the 1-0 lead into the first intermission, but the middle period saw the Devils strike back. Joey Martin tied the game up, then McMonagle scored one of his own on the powerplay with Martin setting him up to give the Devils a 2-1 lead. The Devils doubled their lead when Mattias Sointu scored on a wraparound to make it 3-1. Guildford then scored two goals and tied the game at 3-3, which is how the third period ended.

The Devils had plenty of chances in extra time, with Joey Martin getting the best opportunity but the puck hit the post and kept the game tied after five minutes of sudden death overtime. In the shoot-out, Watters and Joey Haddad both scored to keep it tied until the final shooter for both teams.

TJ Foster scored the game-winner on the Flames' final shot and then Travis Fullerton stopped the Devils' Mark Richardson to seal the win.

Albert pupils and staff had a fabulous afternoon, made even better when the Albert Primary school attendees got to meet and chat with the players. We would like to thank Mr Francis and the Cardiff Devils for giving us this opportunity – and we can't wait to come back and watch a game soon!

On and off the turf with Brian Lee

Good win for Isabel at Exeter

LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams landed the £14,620 Coral Co UK Novices Chase at Exeter on November 5 on her mother Catherine's *Virginia Chick*, which beat the well fancied Kim Bailey's *Commodore Barry* by three parts of a length.

A 14-1 chance, ex-hurdler *Virginia Chick* is trained by Isabel's father Evan Williams, a former national champion point-to-point rider. "He jumped really well," said Isabel who was given a two-day whip ban.

Connor's success at Sandown

CONNOR Brace landed the Conditionals Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park last Sunday on Fergal O'Brien's top weighted *Lord Of The Island*, which got home by one-and-a-half lengths from *Star Of Lanka*. *Lord Of The Island,* a 4-1 chance, at 11 was the oldest horse in the race.

Adam wins at Ffos Las

ADAM Wedge won the novices' hurdle at Ffos Las on Sunday. Riding the Evan Williams'-trained *Holly James*, he had one-and-a-quarter lengths to spare over John Flint's 50-1 outsider *The Wire Flyer*, partnered by Charlie Price. *Holly James* was returned at odds of 10-1. Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn took the Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle with *Nabhan* which, under NF Houlihan, scored by three parts of a length from *On The Quiet* ridden by Isabel Williams.

Adam's Aintree winner

EVAN Williams' *The Last Day*, confidently ridden by Adam Wedge, was an impressive winner of the Download The App At Virgin Bet Handicap Chase over two miles at Aintree last Saturday. Racing for the first time in 237 days, seven-year-old *The Last Day*, the 2-1 favourite was in a prominent position throughout and scored by five lengths from *Baby King*. Adam was chalking-up his 33rd winner of the season and the winner is owned by point-to-point stalwarts William and Angela Rucker.

Wincanton win

AT Wincanton, Ben Jones rode another big race winner for the second weekend when landing the Richard Barber Memorial Mares' Handicap Hurdle on *Misty Bloom*, which had been backed from 18-1 to 9-2. Winning trainer Emma Lavelle said: "Ben gave the horse a super ride."

£1,000 cash boost for talented young ice skater

A TALENTED young ice skater has been given a helpful £1,000 cash boost to cover her training and competition expenses.

Lily Grace, from Cwmbran, received the money from Persimmon Homes East Wales through its Community Champions project.

She is ranked 34 out of 488 in her skating category in the UK and recently finished seventh in the British Championship Solo Ice Dance competition.

Persimmon donates up to £1,000 to two organisations or individuals in the area with Cardiff's City Hospice benefiting alongside eight-year-old Lily.

Emma Walding, who applied for funding on Lily's behalf, said: "We are thrilled that Lily has received the donation.

"Lily has been identified as having an outstanding aptitude and presence on the ice which will enable her to go further with her ice skating."

She added: "This money will help her progress in the sport by helping to pay for the training and equipment she needs."

ABOVE: Lily Grace in action on the ice.

St Mary's seniors' winter competition

DURING brief respites in the seemingly incessant October rain, the seniors of St Mary's Golf Club managed to squeeze in their annual Tri-captains' competition.

Played over three weeks, the section's members were allocated to one of three teams headed, respectively, by the current captain (Dave Hughes), the vice-captain (Steve Phillips) and the previous year's captain (Hugh Williams). Over the three legs, three-balls comprising one member from each team took to the fairways with six points up for grabs on every hole. Four points were awarded to the winner and two to the second placed player.

In the event of ties, the points were shared. At the end of each round the hole by hole scores were totalled up for each of the three teams and then finally accumulated over the three legs.

Course conditions dictated that the event was played over a shortened course of just 12 holes for the first leg and 16 holes for both the second and third legs. When the competition secretary finally put the abacus back into its case, Williams' team emerged as the victors by a commanding margin with a score of 75 points to second placed Hughes' team's 55 points. Phillips' team trailed on 44 points.

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Bridgend Bridge Club in November

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are:

On November 6: First, Tony Disley and Mike Best; second, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; third, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham. The winners on handicap were Tony Disley and Mike Best.

On November 7: First, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; third, Maggie Ashpole and Stuart Davies. The winners on handicap were Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks.

The Children in Need Simultaneous Pairs competition was played on November 8: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans; third, Norma and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage.

On November 15, the three-day Porthcawl Bridge Congress starts and Bridgend Bridge Club will be closed that evening.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday evening at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email *steve@steve-burgoyne.plus.com*.

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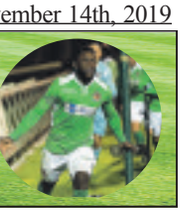

Cowbridge pack digs deep for victory at Llantrisant

LAST Saturday, Cowbridge travelled the short distance to Llantrisant where a battle royal unfolded after Llantrisant declared their pitch playable folllowing the heavy rain.

There were warm words of welcome in the programme, particularly for Huw Lougher, who played two seasons for Llantrisant in the late noughties. It was clear he was held in as high regard as he always will be in Cowbridge.

Three minutes in and the first score went to the home team from a penalty for their full back. Six minutes later, with a scrum on Llantrisant's five-metre line, the clearing kick was charged down by lively scrum half Hywel Williams. It skewed to the left, hit the tryline flag post, stayed in play and alert outside half Alex Guard dabbed it down. Prop Sam Richards put over a superb conversion from the touchline.

Cowbridge were forced into periods of defending, but when they broke out hooker Tom Higgins, flanker Dan Holder and Williams led the way.

Cowbridge scored their second try 10 minutes before half time. Captain Ross Gibbon, who was tremendous in the lineout all afternoon, took the catch. Higgins, then Gibbon, drove on with fellow second row Jamie Bennett crashing over. Richards again added the extras. With minutes to half time, Llantrisant had scrum after scrum which Cowbridge defended valiantly until the referee awarded a penalty try. Just on half time, a terrific double tackle by Higgins and Chris Morris, on for Richards, stopped the Llantrisant centre inches short of a try, with the half time score 10-14.

James Holder had the bit between his teeth early in the second half with a number of strong drives. Richards came back on for Morris and minutes later, another Gibbon lineout take saw tighthead prop Craig Boxall drive infield and dive over. Richards again added the extras.

Just before the midpoint, Llantrisant profited from a scrum when the ball came back on Cowbridge's try line and their quick thinking No 6 came around - not offside in these circumstances - and touched down for a converted try.

Then in a dust up, Llantrisant's hooker and James Holder got 10 minutes on the touchline.

The light was going and temperature dropping. Fortunately, Llantrisant had lights and Jack Anderson at No 8 had a number of drives in what was now a frantic last 10 minutes, both teams going for the win.

With just four minutes left, Llantrisant took a penalty as a scrum in Cowbridge's 22. Cowbridge were under pressure but the referee saw an infringement and they were able to clear their lines.

The game ended with both teams battling away in the middle. Final score: 17-21.

The centre battle came out even, Tom James and James Bennett not allowing their opposite numbers through. Alex Guard was composed at outside half, the wingers would have liked to seen more of the ball, but the backs are sure to doff their hats to a superb forward effort. Craig Boxall was outstanding at prop when normally he is an all-action hooker.

This Saturday, Cowbridge entertain league leaders Treharris, then on November 23, travel to second placed Aberdare; two massive games where all available players are needed and more of the same support, please.

Bonfire night was fortunately clear and dry and there was a great turnout from the town. Thanks to all those who attended, we hope you enjoyed the display and thanks to all those who made it happen.

RV/RK

Pudsey plays rugby in Llantwit!

LLANTWIT Major RFC Minis and Juniors hosted guests Llanharan RFC recently.

The club wanted to help BBC's Children In Need and decided to do this in the proper rugby manner with all the little Pudseys playing rugby.

The under 7s did not disappoint with floods of face paint and Blood and Black jerseys in a great show of rugby for parents and visitors.

Some callouts of the games were for Sonny, Blake and Ross whose acrobatic tagging was exciting, showing their reflexes and accuracy.

The under 7s have been working hard on their support play this season and they proved that forward running rugby and quick passing was no contest, as tries were scored one by one. The best part of the day was seeing the massive smiles on their faces as they showed their love of the game and seeing players develop new skills and friendships.

The two Players of the Match were Eos and Riley for their excellent improvement and determination.

From donations of parents and family, Llantwit Major RFC Minis and Juniors raised £70 for Children in Need.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who help in the section and for fundraising on the day.

LMRFC are currently looking for sponsors and if you think you can help the club, contact Llantwitmajorrugbyjuniors@gmail.com. If you would like to join the club, check Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @LMminiJun.

BBC secure highlights of the Guinness PRO14 Championship

THE BBC has confirmed that it has secured the rights to broadcast the highlights of the Guinness PRO14 Championship.

The deal covers every competition round and the play-offs and final for the next two seasons. The 2020 final takes place in Cardiff on June 20.

From this Sunday, rugby fans can watch highlights of all PRO14 matches week-by-week on BBC Wales's flagship rugby round-up, Scrum V on BBC Two Wales and BBC iPlayer.

This weekend sees the Ospreys and Blues at home as they welcome the two South African teams – the Isuzu Southern Kings and Toyota Cheetahs – while the Scarlets host Benetton Rugby. Meanwhile the Dragons make the trip north to face Edinburgh Rugby.

On Monday evening a new programme on BBC Wales and BBC iPlayer will bring further match highlights from the competition. PRO14 fans will also be able to access videos of the key match moments online and on social media.

BBC Cymru Wales's Head of Sport, Geoff Williams said: "Together with the fascinating Rugby World Cup in Japan and a dramatic challenge at the top of the conference tables, this is a great time to see the championship highlights return to the BBC. Rugby forms part of our national conversation and we'll bring all the action to fans across the country."

Dermot Rigley of PRO14 Rugby said: "BBC's return to the Guinness PRO14 is terrific news for our fans and adds yet another committed broadcast partner to our Championship. As a tournament we have set a new standard by ensuring every single game is available live to our viewers in the UK and now with our highlights available to Free-To-Air audiences via the BBC, rugby fans will have unprecedented access to the matches. The BBC was on hand at our very first Celtic League Final in 2001 and played a part in our journey over the subsequent years, so it is fantastic that they return at a time when the Championship has never been so strong."

As well as the highlights package; coverage and live commentary of the PRO14 matches will continue on BBC Radio Wales and BBC Radio Cymru. BBC Wales will also continue to undertake live production of the PRO14 games for Clwb Rygbi on S4C.

Cowbridge Darts League

This team's new name has a 'ring' to it!

ON Tuesday, November 5 (Bonfire Night) the darts teams had an evening off.

One change in the last week is that the team playing at One Town Hall Square has a new name: from now on they will be called the 'Town Hall Criers'.

Present league standings after five weeks are: Edmondes B (72 points), Highwayman Inn (53), Victoria Inn (48), Hairy Farmers and Farmers Arms (45), Edmondes A (43), Edmondes C (41), Town Hall Criers (39) and Red Lion Inn (32).

Next week on Tuesday, November 19 the Victoria Inn will host the first rounds of the Mixed Doubles.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome. For further information, email Paul at *cowbridgedarts@gmail.com,* up-to-date information can be found on the website: *www.darts.apsn.co.uk.*

PJT

Farewell to a cricket club stalwart

LONG term Cowbridge Cricket Club figure Bernard Wilkins has died.

Bernard was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Carmarthen and joined the Midland Bank, who transferred him to Cowbridge.

On coming to the Vale of Glamorgan Bernard soon joined the cricket and rugby sections of the Cowbridge Athletic Club. A solid rather than spectacular batsman and a canny off spinner, Bernard fought his way into what was a very strong first XI at the time. He also enjoyed coaching youngsters and was a shrewd judge of a player's strengths and weaknesses.

Although the Wilkins family moved to Gloucestershire, Bernard returned to the Cowbridge Club in the early 1980s and was captain of the second XI for two seasons. At the time, Bernard was keen to embrace a wider role in the cricket management of the club but others wished to move in another direction and their will prevailed.

Bernard drifted away from active involvement, but his contribution to the club and sport in a wider context in Cowbridge was already significant.

JRB

At last, the Vale of Glamorgan Football Leagues is back in action

IT was touch and go, but we got Vale football again for the first team in weeks!

Vale United vs Cadoxton Barry, Island Marine's SWFA Cup game vs Church Village and Penarth Town B vs Barry Vikings succumbing to waterlogged pitches.

Current cup favourites Holton Road marched into the quarter finals with a 4-1 victory over St Athan at the Buttrills. Holton Road are unbeaten in the league this season and showed why here, with notably Ryan Hales scoring a goal of the season contender with a tremendous strike from 45 yards to lob the opposition keeper.

Premier Division leaders Cadoxton Imps go into the last eight with a 3-1 win away at Cardiff Airport with Andrew Mac, Liam Jones and Kyle Henderson with the goals, despite Jamie Mclaggon and Kris Powell missing absolute sitters.

AFC Rhoose got past Cogan Coronation in a tricky tie, this hotly contested match was settled by goals from Tom Bevan and a worldie from Josh Lowe.

SP Billy picked up their first win all season on somewhat of an upset at Burnham Avenue. SP edged Vale Madrid 3-2 to head to the quarter finals, can the fairy tale continue?

No giant killing for Cwm Talwg as they were soundly beaten by an impressive Penarth Town 7-1 at the Buttrills.

In Division One, Barry Athletic B threw form book out the window, but also set fire to it before that as they romped to a huge win over Island Marine B in the Island Derby.

Holton Road B saw off St Athan B 6-2, despite St Athan B coming back from two down; Holton Road B had the quality to pull away and take all three points comfortably.

Also, Rhoose Social advanced to the quarter finals of the SWFA Intermediate Cup, with a 3-1 win over Bridgend and District First Division side Penyfai.

Cowbridge drew 2-2 with Bryncae in the SWFA Cup but went out on penalties.

The forecast is cold, but pretty good this week, so we hope it leads to more football this coming weekend.

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Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

THE Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results for November 11 are as follows:

First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage, 65.63%; second, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne, 61.88%; third, Phil Feldman and Tony Disney, 60.68%.

LE

More wins for Ben and Connor

BEN Jones and Connor Brace both rode winners at Huntingdon on November 12.

Ben was successful on Emma Lavelle's *Highly Prized* in the two miles handicap hurdle and Connor took division one of the two miles five furlongs hurdle race on Fergal O'Brien's *Dan Gun.*

The former, a 9-2 shot, won by eight lengths from Don Skelton's *Sofia's Rock* and the latter, who was returned the 9-4 favourite, scored by six lengths from *Jessica Rabbit.*

Brian Lee